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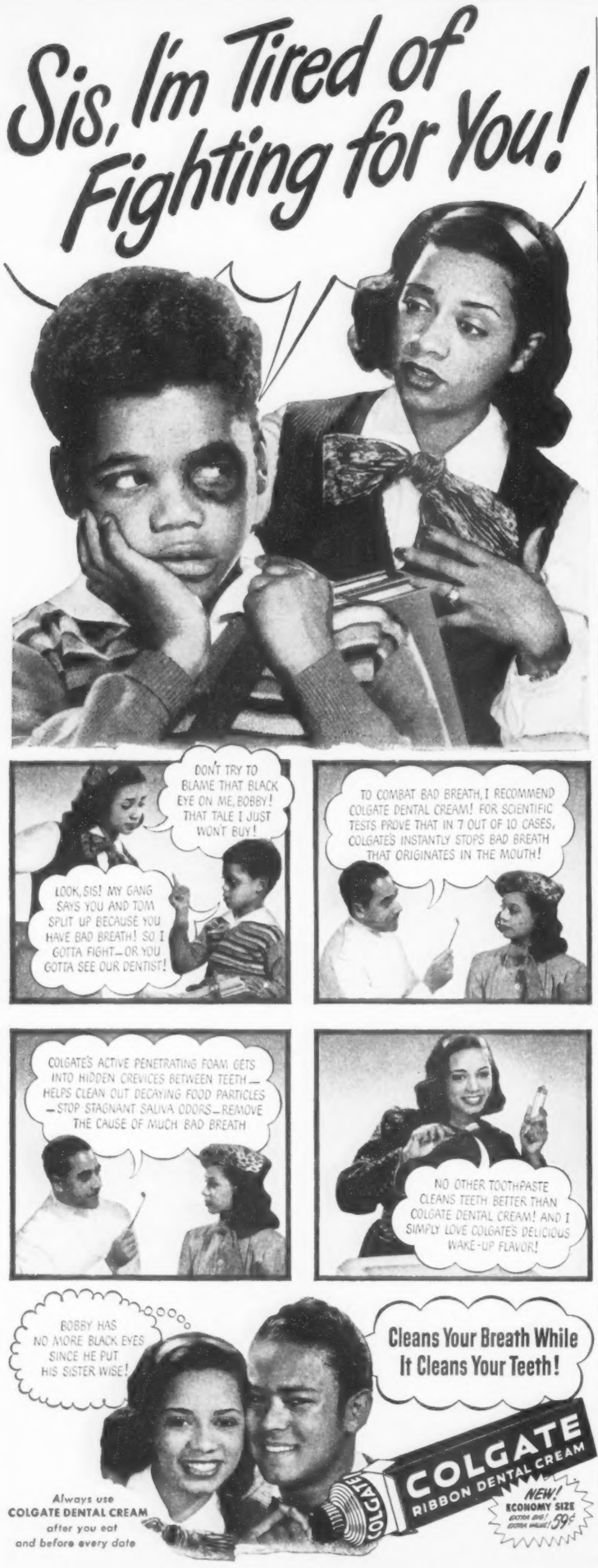

LETTERS AND PICTURES

KINSEY REPORT

Could it be that you think the article by Mary X. was good journalism, or were you scraping the bottom of the barrel?

Do you consider subjects concerning perversion suitable for a family magazine or is it possible that EBONY is desperate and is going "all out" in its efforts to attract attention and get a few extra dollars?

A. R. TAYLOR

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Your sex article appearing in this issue of EBONY is one of the lowest pieces of so-called journalism I've ever read. It serves no useful purpose and it shows just how low your magazine has gone to attract subscribers.

Your magazine has always been attractive because of its pictures but many of our young Negro boys and girls will read this as one of the most lewd, degrading and immoral articles they have ever seen.

You are appealing to the lowest type of human thinking when you print such trash as this.

DR. L. W. TURNER

Kansas City, Mo.

Your article on sex in the December issue is a new low in indecency in magazine writing. There is nothing new or interesting in it for sensible adults. Everybody knows what goes on among all kinds of people, but we don't mention these things in decent conversation or print because it seems to leave a bad taste in the mouth.

There are so many interesting clever or beautiful matters to write about. However, such rotten articles will increase your circulation among the lower classes.

CORNELIUS D. SEON

Brooklyn, N. Y.

HANDWRITING ANALYSIS

I read the most interesting article on handwriting analysis in the November issue of EBONY and found it most enlightening.

Mrs. Sides is a great asset to the people she is serving. My best wishes to her for this wonderful work.

PHYLLIS HARMON

Marshallton, Del.

In the article on grapho-analysis, it was stated that Mrs. Helen Sides is the only Negro to enter the field professionally. I beg to differ. You see, I have been a professional grapho-analytical psychologist for the past three and a half years! At first I took up my studies for my own amusement and then I became intensely interested. I do not have the added advantage of psychic inclinations, unfortunately. But

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I am very happy over the success of Mrs. Sides in becoming the first Negro class organizer for the Institute. I have also had the same request asked of me, but I am a mother and have no one to leave my child with.

Unlike Mrs. Sides, my services include vocational guidance, juvenile delinquency, questioned documents and businessmen's confidential service. I have analyzed many more than three or four hundred specimens of writing and they were received very satisfactorily. These analyses have included a few celebrities who visit our city and even the mayor. My clientele is composed mostly of whites, as I find that our people first have to be acquainted with the science. There are many specimens in my files, whose writers I have never seen. Occasionally I am summoned downtown to verify or identify forged signatures on wills, checks, and documents.

Grapho-analysis does offer a most profitable field for aspiring Negro students as it is one in which there are but few white competitors.

DR. LILYAN JEANNE REDMOND
Indianapolis, Ind.

I was at first startled and then disgusted by your article, "How Handwriting Can Reveal Your Future," in the November 1948 issue of EBONY.

The article begins by identifying tea cup reading, palmistry, mind reading and grapho-analysis with scientific techniques. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Grapho-analysis has absolutely no standing in learned circles. For one expert opinion, permit me to quote from "Practical Psychology" by F. K. Berrien, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Colgate University:

"The development of objective psychological devices for employment purposes has not always met with a ready acceptance on the part of industrial managers. As one surveys the short history of these efforts he is impressed with the fact that management has too often accepted pseudoscientific techniques in preference to the more laboriously established devices suggested by scientists trained in the precise methods of the research laboratory. Management's desire for quick dramatic results has played into the hands of the charlatan who judged character and proficiency by the cut of a man's chin, his hat size, the color of his hair or the bumps on his head. Careful investigations have clearly demonstrated that graphology (analysis of handwriting), physiognomy, reading character from knowledge of birth dates, and palmistry are for these purposes worthless.

"In spite of this fact, a number of enterprises still place unwarranted faith in employment devices that are quick, easy and dramatic. . . .

"This is not the place for a detailed criticism of graphology. However, one representative study showed that professional graphologists were only slightly better than college professors and college students in matching ten character sketches of adult men with samples of their handwriting. While the average number of correct matches of handwriting with the personality de-

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scriptions was slightly better than chance, this study, like others, provides no basis for believing the method is sufficiently dependable for employment purposes." End of Berrien quote. . . .

And this, mind you, refers to character studies of the present, not going even as far as your article does, in claiming forecast abilities!

I should like to ask whether this Institute of Grapho-Analysis has any professional standing with the American Association of Colleges and Universities. I should also like to ask what standing the business colleges have, the ones receiving the "benefit" of the lectures given by instructors like Helen Sides.

As a rule, I enjoy the contents of EBONY. But I thoroughly dislike the thought of science receiving a setback such as can easily occur with the publication of articles such as the one in question. EBONY has become more and more valued as a good publication. As a result, people have come to rely upon its articles. Because of this, you must be very careful to present the true facts.

ROBERT S. GHENT

Syracuse, N. Y.

In your November issue, I was very much interested in the article on Mrs. Helen Sides and her handwriting analysis accomplishment. She is a credit to our race. I sincerely hope that some more of our people will take handwriting interpretation.

IDA MARSH ROBINSON

Chicago, Ill.

I read with much interest your article, "Grapho-Analysis Can Reveal Your Future" in the November issue of EBONY.

I know of a colored grapho-analyst who many people of both races think and believe to be the world's best colored grapho-analyst. I know him to be great in the field because it was he who introduced grapho-analysis to me as I had never heard of that particular science. He analyzed my handwriting in March of 1946 and was very accurate in every detail. He even told me things that I didn't know or hadn't experienced about myself but which I found later to be true.

I understand that this person of whom I speak is the second Negro to take grapho-analysis from Bunker. Previous to his study of the art, he studied graphology, which is the parent of grapho-analysis, from DeWitt B. Lucas, Maud Mosher, Henry Rice and Ruth Hampton.

The person about whom I have been writing is Mr. Nathaniel Thomas DeLoatch of New York City. I just wanted to make it clear that DeLoatch has been using grapho-analysis professionally since 1943.

LAURA MEREDITH

New York, N. Y.

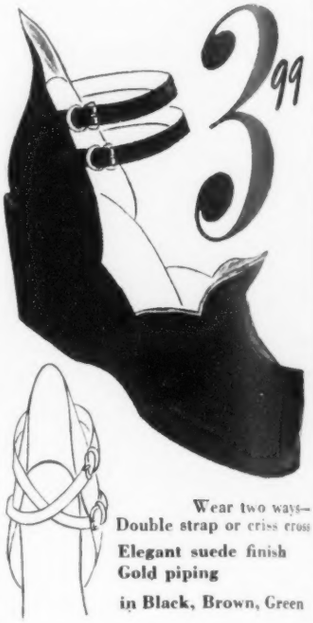
JAMAICA

I enjoy reading your very informative and inspiring magazine.

As a West Indian, I am approached by many Americans who ask such questions as "Do you still eat humans?" and "Do you have any cars and electricity?"

I was, therefore, very grateful for your article in the November 1948 issue

Wing and toe and 'round we go in Dutchie



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by Mr. Langston Hughes on Jamaica, B.W.I. Of course, your article did not deal with the "heavier" side of West Indian life which is very interesting. I am referring to the education and society therein.

I believe it would be very edifying if you would go into some of these things for subject matter. Also I think that for beauty and attractiveness, there is no other, better place than Barbados.

J. HAMILTON GRANDISON
Orangeburg, N. Y.

In reading your November issue of EBONY, I enjoyed the splendid description of a vacation in Jamaica by Mr. Langston Hughes.

ARTHUR WILLINGHAM
Philadelphia, Pa.

PEDIATRICIAN

Your very excellent article on Negro pediatricians in your December edition was quite factual except in one or two minor details. My good friend, Dr. Alonzo DeG. Smith, is referred to as the dean of Negro pediatrists in the U.S.A., a distinction which I claim for myself.

I have been limiting my practice to children since October, 1921. That was long before the establishment of the American Board of Pediatrics. The board is a purely voluntary matter and does not hold itself out as a criterion of who is or is not a pediatrician. My credentials, other than my limited practice, are instructor in Pediatrics, School of Medicine, Western Reserve University and Assistant Pediatrist, Department of Pediatrics, Babies and Children's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

This is all a matter of no great importance but will help to keep the record straight.

ARMEN G. EVANS, M. D.
Cleveland, O.

BETTER SIDE OF NEGRO

I wonder if you would be interested in the reaction of a member of an interracial church to EBONY. I am white, Protestant and active in the Church of Christian Fellowship, Los Angeles, with membership about equally divided between white and Negro. I am strongly opposed to racial segregation, to racial and religious discrimination, and to any limitations or restrictions on anyone because of race, color, religion or national origin. I am in favor of the entire report of President Truman's Committee on Civil Rights. EBONY impresses me as a very interesting, well-planned and well-written magazine. I believe, however, that it falls short of what it might achieve as a force for the furtherance of interracial understanding, brotherhood and civil rights.

It falls short of what it might achieve because of about five per cent of the articles and five per cent of the pictures. The other ninety-five per cent are above reproach. It is of the five per cent which I would speak because it is, unfortunately, this small per cent which attracts the attention of the average white person picking up the magazine. Those of us who really *know* the Negro know that he is neither better nor worse than the white man. We know that

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Negroes are intelligent and stupid and average, moral and immoral and average thrifty and extravagant and exactly like the rest of the human race. Too many white people do not know this, however. Too many white people have stereotyped ideas about the Negro—that he is inclined to be stupid, dirty, immoral, etc. Now, if EBONY is to present the truth about the Negro, it must show the seamy side along with the good but it must never glamorize the seamy side. Perhaps a few examples will make my meaning clear.

In a recent issue there was a story about a Negro minister who maintains a quick marriage service in Arizona just across the border from California. Everyone knows that quick marriages are associated in the public mind, rightly or wrongly, with easy divorce, promiscuity and the wrong kind of home life. Why, if a minister was to be chosen, did it have to be this one? This is no reflection on the minister in question. He doubtless is a fine Christian man and spiritual leader. But, why of the thousands of devoted Christian ministers and the lesser number of Christian priests among Negroes, could not some one else have been selected?

Let me give another example. In the same issue there was a story about Jamaica. It included a picture of a Negro girl at a bar with her dress raised unusually high. Doubtless this is a true picture of what actually goes on in this bar just as a similar picture of a white girl in a bar frequented only by whites would be a true picture. But is it necessary? Does it help to break down the stereotypes which too many white people have in their minds? I hardly think so. It is about as helpful in breaking down the stereotype of Negro immorality as a picture of a Negro idiot would be in breaking down the false idea that most or all Negroes are stupid. May I suggest a picture of some fine, black school teacher, social worker, doctor, artist or choir girl would be much more effective?

Please do not think I am unduly critical. I enjoy EBONY and feel that on the whole it is doing a good job. But it could do a better job if these faults were corrected. It makes no difference that hundreds of so-called white magazines have the same or worse faults. These magazines are not doing all they could to further the cause of understanding, either, or the cause of equal rights. And please do not think that I am narrow. There is nothing harmful in the picture of a beautiful girl in a bathing suit. What I object to is the bathing suit that is just a little briefer, the girl in the cafe who does not represent the best in Negro life.

PALMER VAN GUNDY
La Canada, Calif.

BEBOP FASHIONS

Your story "Bebop Fashions" has more or less made me doubt the authenticity of the whole issue, especially if it was handled with the same care that "Bepop Fashions" was. Your story is good reading for those readers who know very little or nothing about this new music, the photography is good

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and so is the theme if you want to make monkey-shines with something that your mag seems to know nothing about. To be more specific here are some of the fallacies of your well meant article that should be pointed out to you.

First of all these men are not associated with the Mohammedan religion, certainly not Dizzy Gillespie.

These so-called bebop caps that you mention have been worn in New York for many years, long before bebop came into prominence. There is no special dress for listeners of bebop and many of its listeners are intelligent young men and women who just happen to like modern jazz. Many of these people who go in for this fad of wearing caps, berets, horn rimmed spectacles and whatever else a bebopper is supposed to wear according to the press are eccentric people who want to be attached to the music but who can't tell a good bop musician from a not-so-good one. As far as the ties are concerned, Frank Sinatra was the first to wear them some six or seven years ago.

Another thing, Thelonious Monk is called the High Priest of Bebop due to some clever press agentry and not Dizzy Gillespie.

We do hope your magazine accepts this letter in defense of bebop. We are looking forward to a better story in your mag on bebop.

NARD GRIFFIN

New York, N. Y.

I have just read your nice spread on "Bebop Fashions." It was great! This is nice publicity for the boppers. Bebop is a new, strange type of music so the bop musicians must dress like the music they play

My boy friend, Ted "Derbytown Dizz" Jones, is a disciple of Dizz. He

is the bop-cat of Louisville. Keep up the good work.

JOAN LOCKE

Louisville, Ky.

I was shocked and disappointed to see such a fine publication as EBONY take an important musical subject like bebop and portray it as the product of a group of eccentric cultists, reducing it to the level of a chauvinistic fashion story.

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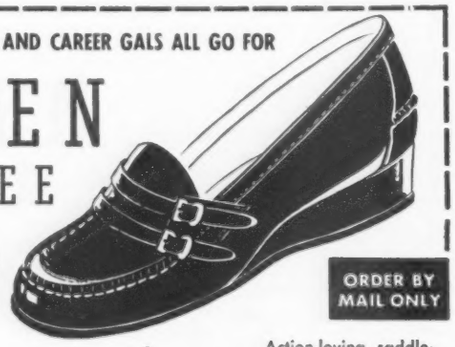

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agree on the importance of bebop as a serious contribution to modern American music. You limited this aspect of the subject to a few lines, apparently feeling that some better purpose could be served by discussing goatees and berets. Charlie Parker, whom many musicians consider the greatest improvising genius in jazz today, was not even mentioned.

I hope that EBONY or some other Negro publication will eventually give bebop the legitimate treatment it unquestionably deserves.

LEONARD FEATHER

New York, N. Y.

ENGLISH LEARN ABOUT RACE

I am a patient in a sanatorium and have been for some time. Your magazine is very interesting and educational and the other patients and I look eagerly for it every month. My roommate and I are the only Negro patients here. After we finish EBONY, the other patients clamor for it and sometimes we don't know which one to give it to first!

EBONY has done a great deal to improve race relations and educate other races as to what our race is doing. There are whites, Chinese, Japanese, Mexican, Spanish, Filipino and Italian all mixed up together here, and whoever says that you can't mix races and get along peacefully should visit our hospital. Everyone gets along very amicably and everyone seems very interested in everyone else. This confinement has done a great deal to improve my own outlook on the various races and racial issues. I learned that to know a person generally, is to understand and like him. Of course, there are always exceptions.

We have an English patient who has been in this country about two years. She was genuinely distressed and surprised to find conditions as they are here—racially. Our great democracy that she's heard about so much all her life she finds is only lip service. She tells me that in England during the war, the populace on the whole was always more happy to see Negro soldiers than the whites because they were far kinder and better mannered than most of the white soldiers. Of course, the Negroes were treated on an equal basis with the whites there which helped their morale tremendously. Though she is white, she says she isn't sure she wants to give up her English citizenship for America since America flounts her democracy in the face of minorities, especially Negroes.

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BACKSTAGE

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EBONY's publisher John H. Johnson and editor Ben Burns were recently privileged to look at this eighth wonder of the world through the courtesy of the Haitian government which played host to them for two weeks. To them personally were revealed not only the miracle of the Citadel but also the wonderful character and hospitality of the Haitian people who today constitute one of the few genuinely free Negro peoples in the world. Haiti's President Dumaris Estime, who represents to Haitians what Roosevelt does to Americans, personally welcomed EBONY's executives to the island (see President Estime and publisher Johnson above).

One cannot help but be impressed by the glorious beauty of the island as well as the fierce pride and passionate love for freedom by its people. Evident also is the need for closer ties between U. S. Negroes and Haitians. A splendid beginning is being made in the efforts of the government to attract colored American tourists. Negro businessmen are also being welcomed to take advantage of the excellent investment possibilities.

In coming issues EBONY will report on some of its findings on the island, wishes to use this forum to thank warmly the many grand Haitians who made our visit a treasured memory.

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Topping next month's coming features is a sensational story on a white British family that adopted one of the brown babies left behind by Negro GIs. It's a pictorial scoop that will be talked about for many months. Also up and coming is an exclusive story in which noted architect Paul Williams tells how to build a new home for $5,000. It includes specially-drawn sketches and blueprints done for EBONY readers by Williams.

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BABY IQ TESTS

New survey shows intelligence depends on child's care at home rather than racial background

IN THE 45 years since two Frenchmen named Binet and Simon devised the first intelligence tests to measure mental aptitude, IQ's have been the subject of prolonged, bitter debate as to their merit in judging intellect. Perhaps the most heated controversy has raged over the use of intelligence quotients by some psychologists to bolster their theory that Negroes rate lower than whites in mental ability. To this day there are many foremost educators who insist on that finding in learned journals.

But an unusual, brand-new series of intelligence tests have resulted in perhaps the strongest rebuttal yet to the believers of the racist myth in IQ's. Designed to rate the mental capacity of babies up to the age of 12 weeks old, the Northwestern Infant Intelligence Test throws new light on the subject of Negro IQ's. Upsetting theories of brilliance based upon racial factors, the study by psychology professor A. R. Gilliland of Northwestern University indicates that love and personal attention are key influences on infants' minds.

First results point to a "seemingly intellectual superiority" among colored infants, according to Gilliland. But the higher rating is more a result of home environment of the colored tots tested rather than anything racial. Tests prove a Negro baby in a happy home usually scores higher than a white baby in a nursery. How these tests are given is pictured by EBONY photographer Wayne Miller on the following pages.

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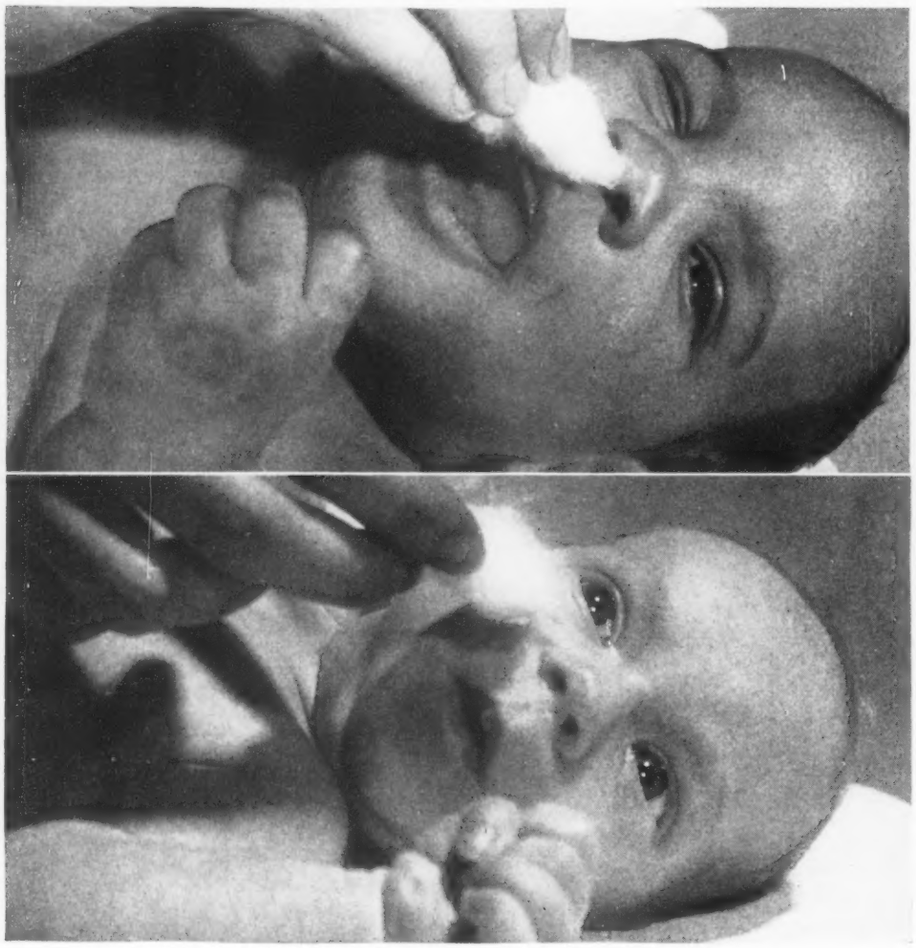


Plus reaction is scored by both infants in nose-tickling test. Negro baby laughs and puts up strong active resistance while Nancy, six-week-old orphan at Chicago Foundling Home, moves head away from cotton. Baby like 11-week-old Regina should pass 34 out of 40 tests to get good rating in Northwestern test.

RIN

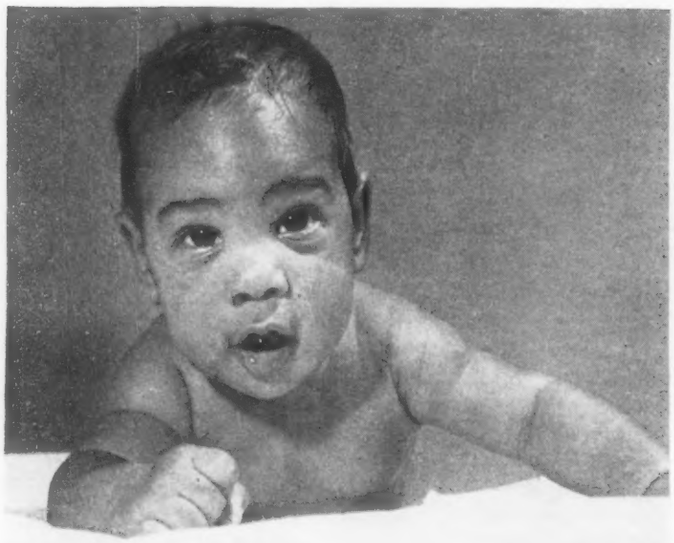
Firm grasp on ring, thumb assisting, gives Regina full credit on this test. Babies are never tested if they are crying or are hungry.

NEGRO TOT SCORES

TO DETERMINE how environmental factors shaped the intelligence of babies, EBONY selected a Negro infant living at home with its mother and a white baby from a Chicago orphanage and arranged to have them rated by the Northwestern Infant Intelligence Test. Following the pattern which shows race does not count in scoring IQ's, the colored child scored much higher than the white baby.

Similar results have been noted in the overall results of Professor Gilliland's survey. Five hundred babies tested at the famous Evanston Cradle, Hollywoodish orphanage where surroundings and food are as perfect as the back-

HEAD RAISING



Full three-point credit is given Regina for lifting head upright from table, clearing chest with aid of arms. To make test baby is placed in prone position on stomach, arms extended over head and nose touching table.

Two points are scored by baby Nancy for lifting head between 45 and 90 degrees from horizontal position. Clearing nose from table rates only 1 point. Gadgets used in test include rattles, music box, baby block, mask and doorbell.

HOLD

Partial grip only is scored by Nancy. Northwestern test does not require any information from mother about baby, is based only on performance of child.

HIGHER THAN WHITE

grounds of its tiny Gold Coast inmates, showed an average IQ of 100. The 37 Negro children tested in the study came mostly from lower-bracket homes, but they had a mean IQ of 110. "While the Negro group was not large enough to make the results conclusive, it suggests that they will be likely to make at least as high or possibly higher scores than white infants," says Gilliland. Possible explanation, he suspects, is the greater attention given babies in Negro homes because families are usually larger. After the 12th week, however, these babies tend to lose out because of social and economic restrictions.

SHAKING OFF PAPER

Negro infant Regina takes edge in this test, trying to remove cellophane sheet placed over its face while white baby shows little reaction to offending paper. To pass tot should stick out tongue, touch paper with hands, make paper rustle or turn head from side to side. No credit is given for crying.

LOOKING AT SPOON

Passing spoon test with flying colors, Regina not only observes but also reaches for spoon held by tester while proud mother watches in background. Spoon is first placed within foot of child's eyes. Tester may tap it to get baby's attention.

Only momentary attention is given spoon by Nancy. Credit is given if baby's eyes remain on spoon or return to it after tester moves spoon out of line of vision and brings it back again. Red cube is another test of sight reaction.

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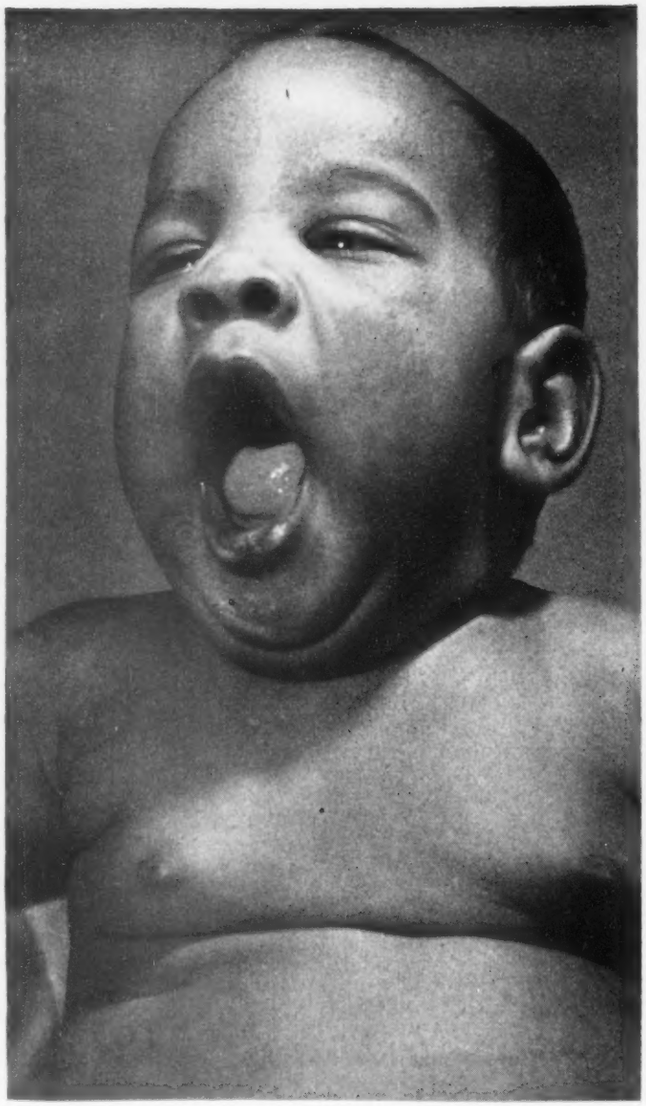

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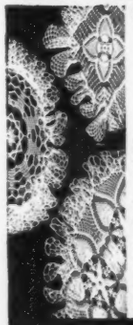

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BABY TESTING, like baby sitting, requires patience and a great deal of diplomacy. Professor Gilliland, 61 and himself the father of two grown children, made a few futile field efforts and gave up. His scientific mind, he decided, was better suited to the cause than was his male personality. However, a few men who have volunteered to assist with the quiz clinics have made remarkable success in establishing the rapport necessary to calm the crying clientele.

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As yet no Negroes have assisted with the project, regrets the professor. If funds were available for a graduate assistantship, a student would be immediately assigned to delve further into the field of intelligence testing among Negro infants.

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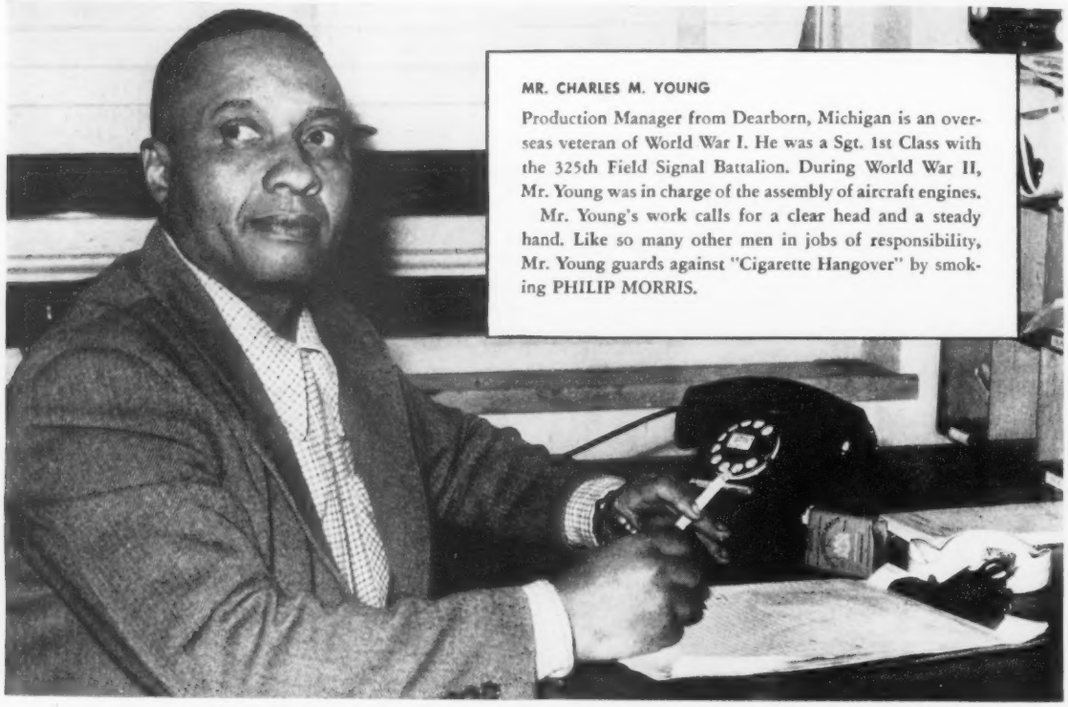

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Comedian Rochester, like most other hunters, fails to bag buck

TO COUNTLESS trigger-wise U. S. hunters, biggest lure on timber trails in the nation's forests are fast-stepping deer, whose amazing elusiveness is proven by their increasing numbers although they are the most hunted game in the world. Upwards of nine million Americans take to the woods each Fall to stalk deer, bring back an annual average of 700,000 antlers and thousands of pounds of sweet-tasting venison. But most huntsmen come back home empty-handed.

Typical of the U. S. hunters, who failed to bag a deer last Fall, was gravel-voiced Rochester (Eddie Anderson), popular radio comic who in his 30-odd years of hunting has caught six bucks (male deer) in his gun sights. But 1948 was his unlucky year and, like the more than five out of six California hunters who failed to bring home the venison, "Rochester" searched in vain for deer.

Packing a station wagon full of outdoor equipment, "Rochester" and his companion, mail handler Bill Ward, drove 250 miles from his Los Angeles home to the 9,300-foot High Sierras and horsebacked 17 miles through darkness to an isolated U. S. Ranger outpost to get to the deer-hunting grounds in the giant pines and junipers. But four days of following deer tracks across streams and jagged hills produced nary a sight of a deer. Dyed-in-the-wool hunters that they are, the duo still got a kick out of their trip. "The thrill comes from the expectation of what can and sometimes does happen any minute," said the famed Jack Benny stooge. "It's the dare of it and, brother, have you ever eaten deer liver and onions?"

Aiming powerful 2100-yard, $350 hunting rifle, Rochester tests gun sight on arrival at High Sierra hunting grounds. He has been hunting since he was a boy, once bagged six-pointed buck weighing 285 pounds.

On horseback, Rochester tracks deer. He never hunts first day of the season because, as he puts it, "You need a suit of armor to go out there. They kill more hunters than deer."

Evening meals with guides are served around a roaring fire. Hunting hours run from one hour before sunup to one hour after sundown.

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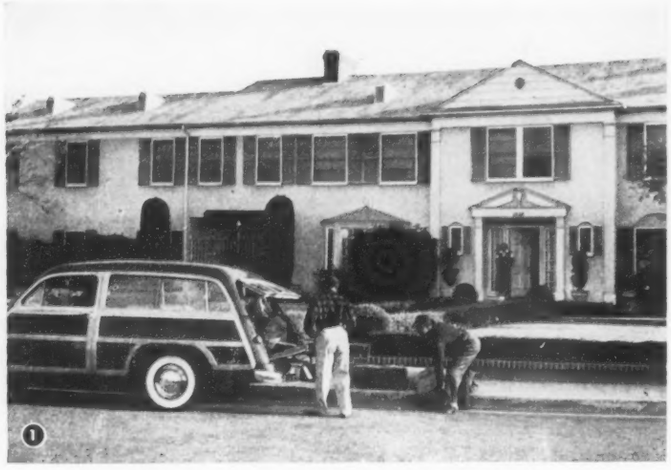
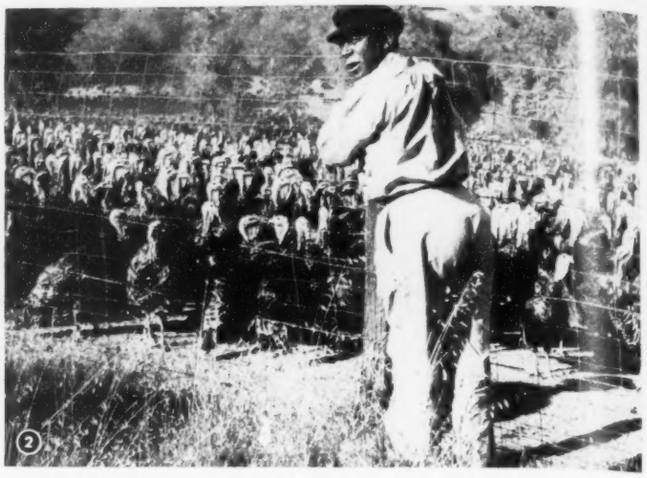


Packing station wagon full of equipment, Rochester and hunting mate Bill Ward prepare to leave comic's $50,000 home in Los Angeles' morning heat. Star's wife, Mayme, watches from door. Total cost of trip came to $300.



Stopping enroute, Rochester jabbers with turkeys at big farm. Turkeys gobbled back after each Rochester joke. Said $150,000-year radio stooge, "I ought to make this on tape and have Jack Benny hear it. The turkeys love me."

Radio fans Carol, Laura and Karen Jacobs turn out to wish Rochester luck on his trip and tell him: "You're the best thing on the Jack Benny show."

Rifles for hunt are prepared for trip through mountains to ranger station. Bolo knives are also taken along to skin deer. Sleeping bags are also carried.

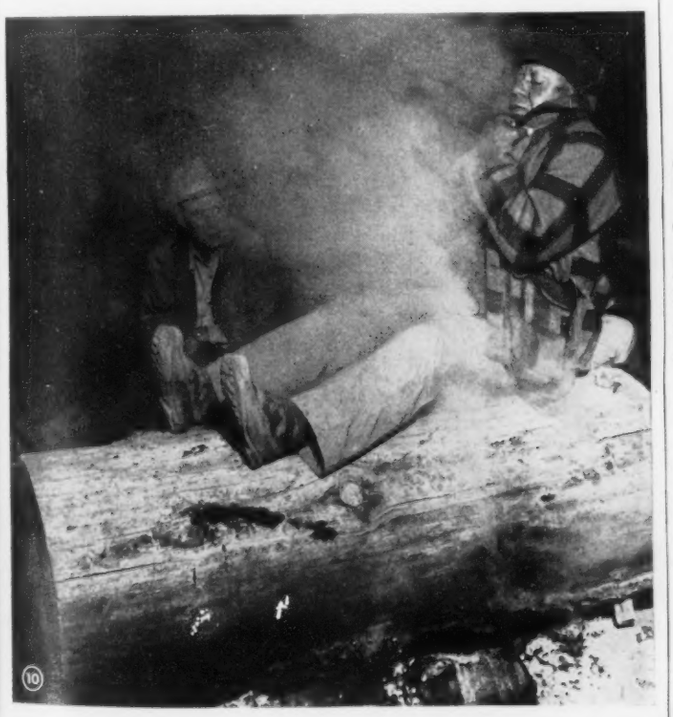
Signing register in cold 20 degrees, Rochester gets set to start on trip by horseback. He grabbed quick cup of coffee to warm up before starting out.

Tracking deer trails on horse, Rochester waits patiently for first sight of nimble-footed deer. He rose at 4 a.m. each morning, breakfasted, then hunted until early afternoon when the hot sun drove deer to bedding grounds.

Spotting what they think a deer, Rochester and guide start to raise rifles, but it proves to be false alarm. Hunters delay shots only long enough to verify swift prey. Red caps are worn by hunters to identify themselves from animals.

At packing station equipment is unloaded and put into kyacks (carrying boxes) to be strapped onto mules. Mules cost $5 each for first day, 25 cents less each following day. Here Rochester checked on rumors of deer tracks in vicinity.

Shoving off in afternoon, hunters had to ride nine hours through rugged mountain country to reach camp. Besides deer, forests here are home for mountain lion, cougars, coyotes, fox and bear. Hunters kept rifles ready always.



Thawing out after day in cold, Rochester jumps onto log over fire. Around fire each night, hunters swap stories. Counted one night on Rochester trip were 147 stories about deer, 23 bear stories, 15 dog stories, 39 fish tales and 15 off-color jokes.

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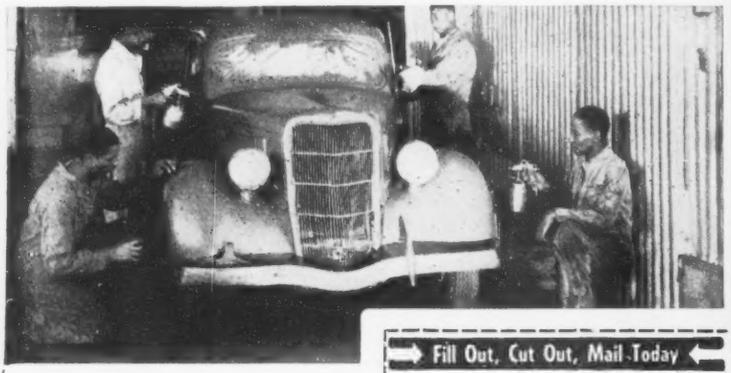

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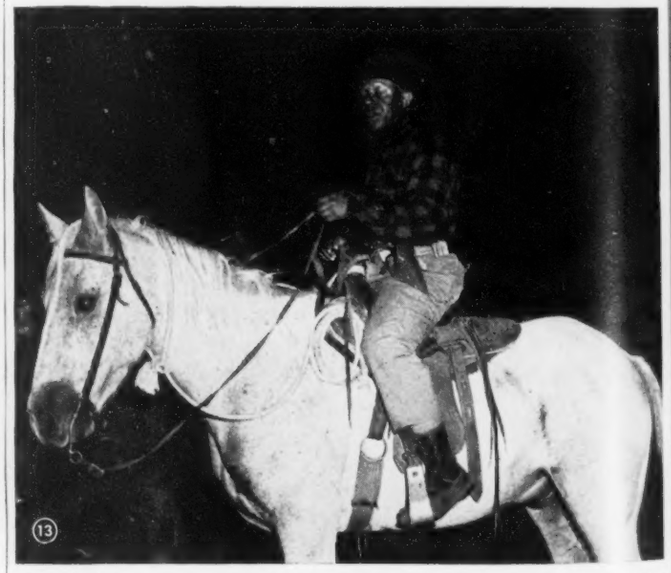
Excellent cook Rochester takes turn at preparing meal of barbecued venison (caught and cured by guide month before) while Bill Ward does KP. Camp rule was only two meals daily. For dinner hunters got four to five helpings of stew per man.

Water from mountain stream tasted good during 20-mile ride daily in hunt of deer. Rochester and Ward wore heavy wool shirts, thick socks for cold temperatures. During hunt low whistles and hand-warning signals were only means of conversation.



Riding back to camp empty-handed after long hunt, Rochester shows signs of tiring. Note sidearm is carried Western style. Only look at deer Rochester got in four days was a big doe. Rules prohibit hunters from shooting female deer.

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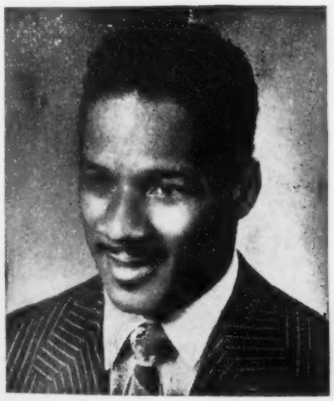

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Returning to pack station, disappointed Rochester unpacks mule train. Hunters didn't give up until they reached station, keeping eyes open for deer all the way back. Some crack hunters go eight and nine years without getting buck.

ROCHESTER NEVER GIVES UP HOPE OF BAGGING BIG BUCK

THE ART of deer hunting consists of luck, silence and preparedness, besides ability to read deer tracks; energy to track a trail by horse or afoot; keen ear and eye senses to spot the yellow-white-brown animal from similar-colored trees, rocks and brush; patience to stand still for minutes or half hours until a deer reveals himself; and the crack marksmanship that has an instant's flash of aim and only one shot to score before the startled deer bolts from sight.

Rochester's luckless trip to the High Sierras is typical of treks made by thousands of huntsmen who brave snow, sleet and rain to pit their wits against the 6,000,000 cagey antlers in the U. S.

Four days on the trail left Rochester and Ward tired, but as all good hunters, they never gave up hope. On the trail back to the packing station, they kept a sharp eye open for antlers. "We'll get that buck, we'll jump him yet," they kept saying. Right up to the moment they came in sight of the station corral, they were sure a buck would jump across their trail.

After paying their bill, receiving sympathetic shoulder slaps and "too-bads," assuring rangers and packers it wasn't anybody's fault—"Everybody tried as hard as he could. That's the way it is"—they set off for home while a Ranger kept repeating, "Some guys just get on that trail and in ten minutes a buck'll walk into their sights. Other guys . . ."

Waving goodbye, Rochester and Ward get set to leave for home in station wagon. Both promised to return to Sierras next year, kept repeating as they left camp, "We'll get that deer. We'll get that deer."

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Skilled industrial workers in Louisville include telephone linemen and bricklayers. Lineman Leo Nelson is in one of electric company's two colored crews, makes over $80 weekly. Bricklayer William Lawson earns union wage of $2.20 hourly, is in AFL local with whites. Most skilled colored workers in South are in building trades.

JOB BOOM IN DIXIE

Negroes hold better jobs, earn record wages in postwar South

DESPITE a drop in population of a half-million Negroes, the South today has more colored workingmen employed in more skilled and higher-paying jobs than ever before in its history. Riding the crest of a post-war industrial boom primed by $11 billion in World War II contracts, Southern Negroes are enjoying a relative prosperity the likes of which has never been seen in the section once termed by President Roosevelt "America's No. 1 economic problem."

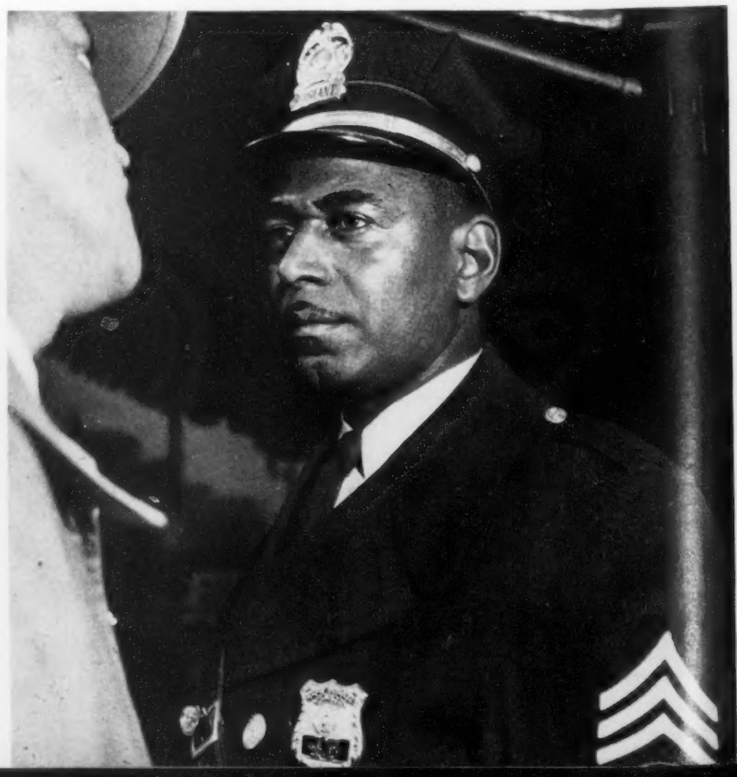
The big bust forecast after VJ Day when shipyards and plane factories shut down has never come. Instead of widespread unemployment, there is actually a labor shortage in many cities and incomes for both whites and Negroes are at record levels. The more than 100,000 Negroes who moved from farm areas into industrial cities during the war years have stayed put, their incomes more than doubled. This winter more than three years after the fall of Japan, all the economic experts have been proven as inaccurate as the Gallup Poll in the prediction of a Dixie depression.

Typical reports in EBONY's survey of the postwar economic status of Southern Negroes read:

LITTLE ROCK: "A sharp increase in Negro employment has been noted since VJ Day," concludes David B. Ellis of the Arkansas World. "Negro business is in better standing."

HOUSTON: "Work is plentiful for Negroes and I believe there is more work now than there was during the war," says Houston In-

Government jobs attract many Negroes because of security. Post Office employe Wade G. Spencer is one of Louisville's few colored window clerks. City was first in South to employ colored police, has 31 on force including sergeant Herron Clark. South now has 54 cities with 279 Negro police.



Women workers have made big gains in Dixie postwar employment, many thousands leaving conventional menial work. Louisville Enro shirt plant employs 76 colored women including Mrs. Clara Dean on power sewing machines (weekly wage up to $50). Restaurants employ many waitresses like Johnnie Mae Hayes.

former publisher Carter Wesley. "I would think on the whole we have an increased number of Negroes in higher bracket jobs, meaning we have more skilled jobs generally. We absolutely have full employment and it is hard to hire anybody now."

RICHMOND: "Gains have been retained since VJ Day, largely because there was developed a huge backlog of private building and because many Negro workers have shown the wisdom to keep up their union dues," declares Wiley A. Hall of the local Urban League.

ATLANTA: "It can be safely stated that Southern Negroes have about maintained the position of employment gained since the end of World War II with a few exceptions," believes Urban League field director Nelson C. Jackson.

JACKSONVILLE: "The overall picture of employment for Southern Negroes since the end of the war has improved greatly," reports Urban League executive L. W. Armwood. "In many cases the demand far exceeds the supply."

Typical of the Southern communities which have hit the job jackpot is Louisville, which is perhaps better known for its Kentucky Derby than as an industrial center but which nevertheless turns out $600,000,000 of industrial products annually ranging from fine whiskeys to Louisville sluggers, nationally famous baseball bats. The Derby City's 50,000-odd Negroes work in as varied jobs as will be found in any big Northern city, hold one out of every eight industrial jobs in the city.

Louisville's typically Southern Jim Crow job pattern broke down during the war and the barriers have stayed down. One out of every four colored workers have skilled or semi-skilled jobs and 85 per cent of the city employers said in a survey there was no special problem in hiring Negroes. Big employers of Negroes include the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation (wages up to $100 weekly) and International Harvester, both of which have Negro foremen. How Louisville's Negroes fit into the city's employment pattern is shown in the pictures on these pages illustrating the divergent jobs of the 18,000 colored wage earners in the city.

Professionals are finding better postwar opportunities in South, many refusing to join traditional migration to North. High school teacher Robert Lawery, vice-president of mixed AFL union, is one of 300 colored public school teachers in Louisville. Only Negro dental laboratory in state is run by John and Geraldine Franklin.

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Trade school training is vital in placement of Negro workers in Dixie industrial jobs. In Louisville carpentry is taught in high school classes by instructor Thomas H. McNeil. Urban League officials report trade schools increasing Negro enrollment.

UNIONS HELP NEGRO SWITCH FROM FARM TO CITY JOBS

BIGGEST economic bugaboo in the postwar South has been the threat of mechanization on farms, which would mean widespread unemployment among the section's 9,000,000 Negroes. But the scare has proved unfounded not only because farmers have been slow to buy machines but also because many displaced Negroes are finding industrial jobs. How this works is best illustrated in the new Memphis plant of International Harvester. Although Negroes are being displaced by the cotton picker, in Memphis they constitute one out of every four production men building the new mechanical cotton pickers.

Labor has been a key factor in aiding the switchover of Negroes from farm to industrial work, not only helping to find jobs for colored workers but also insisting on equal wages for them. Results can be seen in the soaring incomes in Dixie states which have long been at the very bottom of the economic ladder. Mississippi, where close to a million Negroes live, has chalked up the third biggest gain in per capita income in America, trailing only behind the farm Dakotas. From $202 annually per person in 1940, the state's per capita income in 1947 went up to $659, still far behind the national average of $1,323 and still last in the nation but yet a substantial gain.

In terms of the weekly pay envelope of the Negro worker, the gain has been large. It can be graphically seen in the case of a Laurel woodworking plant where up until recently white workers earned 60 cents hourly and Negroes 58 cents—all for the same work. When the CIO organized the plant, it won a 13 cent hike for whites and 15 cents for Negroes to equalize wages at 75 cents hourly. The lesson of racial unity to win better working conditions has been brought home to white Southerners and a recent poll showed that where in 1944 only 19 per cent of Southerners believed in equality of economic opportunity for Negroes, today 27 per cent favor an equal chance at jobs.

While gains are substantial for Negro workers, there are still dark spots. A recent AFL survey showed weekly income of white veterans from 30 to 78 per cent above the average for Negro ex-servicemen. A Census Bureau report on unemployment found four times as many Negroes as whites jobless in a typical state like Virginia.

Louisville, despite its record number of jobs, still counts 5,000 Negroes—1,600 of them vets—among its unemployed.

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TELEVISION MAKEUP LADY

Blanche Hunter is chief CBS paint-and-powder specialist

ONE of the busiest and most sought-after technicians in the mushrooming American television industry is the spry, eager, ingenious Negro woman, whose work is pictured on this and the following pages. Her special makeup effects are so vital to the successful staging of top television programs that not even the most harassed director on a Columbia Broadcasting System TV stage would dare okay the shooting of a show without first assuring himself that she had completed her job of preparing actors' faces for the peculiarities of video light.

She is Blanche Hunter, an authority on stage makeup in its special relation to television and CBS's chief paint-and-powder specialist. When anyone in CBS, from head man William S. Paley down to the prop-toting stagehand, speaks of makeup they are talking about the cheerful, pudgy Miss Hunter whose refreshing good humor, patience and skill have made her one of the most admired members of the swiftly-growing CBS television family.

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Popular singer Barry Wood submits to pancake makeup job by Blanche Hunter before taking place as star of CBS Television's thrice-weekly "Places Please." Miss Hunter also handles makeup chores for Arthur Godfrey's "Talent Scouts."

SHE MAKES UP EVERY TV STAR

WORKING an arduous, exacting seven-day schedule, Blanche Hunter currently performs the rather prodigious feat of "making up" practically single-handedly every personality who appears before the television cameras on all of the stages in the New York studios of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Known to CBS television personnel as the last word in the art of makeup, she handles each week an endless stream of movie stars, stage actresses, cabinet ministers, Powers models and ballet dancers. Every person who walks onto a CBS video stage must first submit to the clever, capable hands of Miss Hunter out of whose bewilderingly-odd makeup kit comes the means wherewith pimples and moles disappear, wrinkles are erased, facial fat pared off, hair "grown" and faces made generally receptive to the searching beams of the complex and sensitive television "eye."

A magician with pancake and pencil, she has never been stumped by a facial makeup problem in all her five years as a television worker, and is even now experimenting to devise new ways to increase the techniques she already employs to improve the image of an actor's face on the television screen. She's succeeding so well that CBS studio officials have ordered a censorship clamp imposed on the strange formulas that comprise her bag of cosmetic tricks.

In terms of makeup alone, Miss Hunter is a television pioneer. She has been a CBS employe since 1943 when she was hired as wardrobe mistress. No newcomer to the entertainment business, Miss Hunter had sung professionally in small New York clubs and appeared in a dancing role in *From Dixie to Broadway*, a 1923 musical. Apart from helping her fellow chorines and performers with their makeup, she had no professional experience as a theatrical makeup specialist though she had always been very interested in cosmetics and what could be done with them.

During her first twelve months at CBS her work was largely confined to dressing television performers, storing their clothes and repairing and altering costumes. During this period, as she puts it, she "kept her eye on the future of makeup in television" and started asking questions and "experimenting" in 1944. One day she blended a special lipstick color and offered it to a CBS official for use as a makeup aid. It was immediately accepted and has been in standard use since.

That same year CBS announced that it would conduct a series of makeup tests in an effort to discover the best makeup materials and techniques needed to project performers with the maximum sharp-

Famous syndicated columnist Ed Sullivan gets makeup treatment from Blanche Hunter before appearing on his Sunday night hour-long revue, "Toast Of The Town." Miss Hunter worked as library assistant in Harlem before entering television industry.

ON CBS SHOWS IN NEW YORK

ness and clarity. Miss Hunter, who was asked to demonstrate her ideas, explained to network officials the differences in a wide variety of lipstick types and powder forms. Her demonstration clearly convinced CBS executives that all video artists needed special makeup attention. They promptly put Miss Hunter in charge of the new makeup department but without any special title.

Working closely with Frances Buss, a CBS director, she set to work evolving makeup methods specially suited to the problems of television light and projection. She has since been given a free hand to make up all artists in the manner she deems most effective. There is seldom any disputing a Blanche Hunter opinion on an individual's makeup. Her word on makeup is generally pretty final and absolute. The fast-moving and highly-trained CBS television crews have discovered it is better to have it that way.

She has made up a host of Hollywood and Broadway celebrities, scores of top names in music, dancing, the arts and politics and practically every Conover and Powers model who has ever appeared on a television show.

Television makeup has its own problems that flow from the high voltage lighting used and the intense heat that is created. Thus no grease paint can long survive under these conditions. It would melt like butter, creating a rainbow-like mess of the performer's face. Instead, video makeup experts like Blanche Hunter concentrate on ingenious combinations of pancake powders that are dry.

Because of the electronics involved, such as the use of infra-red lamps, the video makeup artist must devote a lot of time and care to eliminating any traces of hair, especially on dark people. Blemishes and pimples must also be carefully covered up. The "television eye" is also very sensitive to what one engineer called "tomorrow's beard." Beards are Miss Hunter's delight. She attacks them with warmth and relish. She considers it in the nature of a little game which she calls "hide the man's beard." To achieve this she uses a lot of pancake and "something else," the formula of which she is forbidden to reveal, but which is extremely effective in concealing hair on the face from the Video Camera. Television shows are increasing each month and the strain on the time and talents of Blanche Hunter has likewise been intensified. However, she seems to like the pressure of making show time several times a day all the week around. Her department, CBS officials have indicated, will shortly be enlarged to free Miss Hunter for supervisory and more creative activity.

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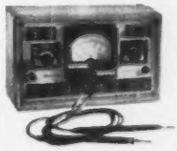

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SHE GIVES MAKEUP LESSON TO FILM STAR LUCILLE BALL

BLANCHE HUNTER is mistress of her makeup domain and seldom fails to persuade a top-flight performer of the need of getting the Hunter special television treatment. Regardless of how carefully a star has made up before arrival at the studio, Miss Hunter insists on removing it all and applying her own. One night last spring Lucille Ball, beauteous Hollywood star, appeared late for a television show on which she was scheduled to be guest star.

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THIS IS the time of year—a little late for winter, a little too early for spring—when last year's gabardine, which seemed passable enough at the beginning of the season, now looks hopelessly drab; when the prospect of wearing that old black crepe to one more party makes a woman feel like sitting down and having a good cry.

Simplest remedy for the February doldrums might be the purchase of some new clothes, but the unceasing Battle of the Budget seldom allows for such carefree solutions. A more practical cure for a run-down wardrobe, and smarter in the long run, is a tonic of smart, new, well-chosen accessories.

Leading motif in accessories today is the elegant, ladylike, mid-Victorian feeling which dominates most costume jewelry. Best buy, both for its effectiveness and versatility, is the choker or dog-collar pearl necklace.

Smartest newcomers to the jewelry line are the scatter pins. These tiny glittering pins, in novelty shapes such as snowflakes, bees, frogs or beetles, are worn in clusters—no two alike—to add spice to a tailored suit or dress.

Transformation tricks with scarves are limited only by one's imagination. Big, easy-draping silk squares, now as cheap as wartime rayons, can be twisted into Victorian ruffs or cowboy neckerchiefs, depending on whether one wants to look quaint or debonair.

These accessory tricks and others modelled by pretty Vera Greene of Chicago are submitted by EBONY as examples of what can be done. All jewelry shown is by Coro, silk scarves by Glentex, gloves by Aris.

Versatile scarves combine with jewelry to create new ensembles. Block-patterned silk square, tied into mannish Windsor knot (left), achieves feminine air by being looped with pearls. Bull-fight scarf (center) is easily tied and draped into suit dickey Black silk chiffon stole (right) makes romantic head and shoulder wrap for evening wear.

Double strand pearl choker has richly ornamented rhinestone pendant which also serves as clasp, comes with matching pearl drop earrings. Gauntlet style dress gloves of white kid are hand-embroidered with clusters of French knots.

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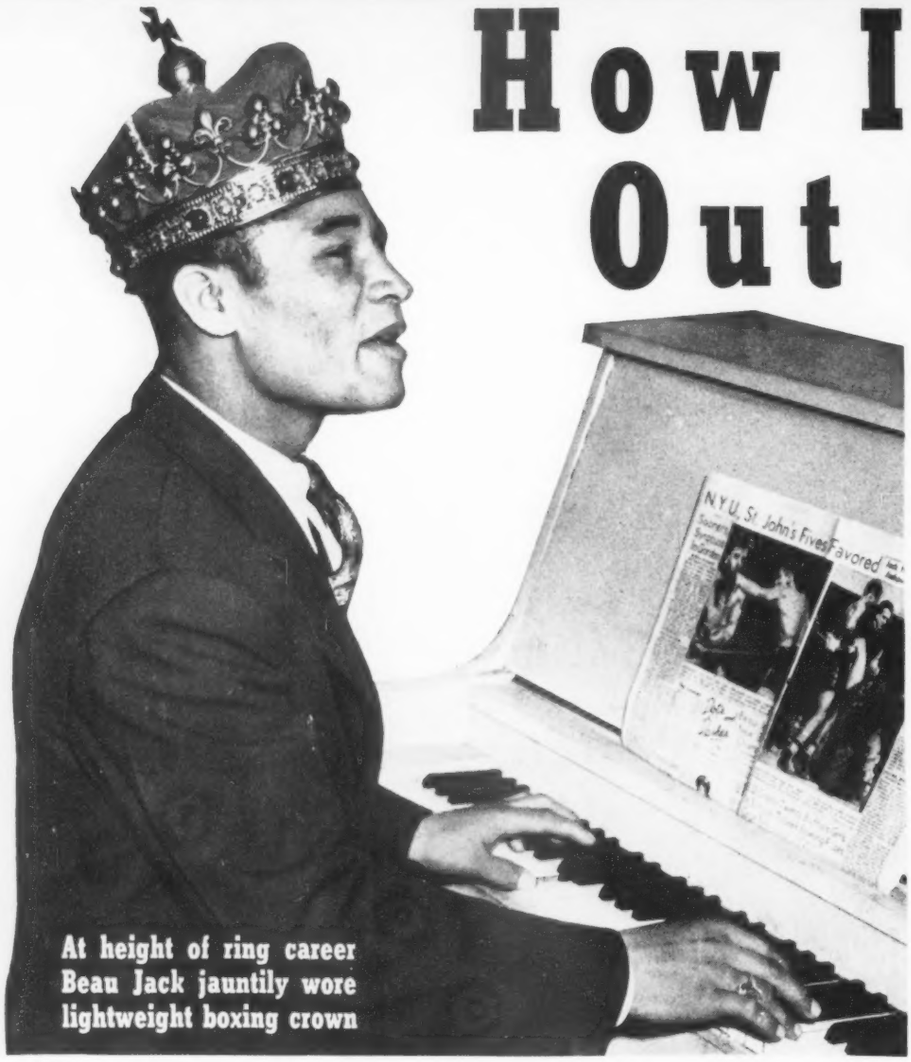

At height of ring career Beau Jack jauntily wore lightweight boxing crown

With the career of heavyweight champion Joe Louis as a shining beacon, thousands of Negro youngsters today have ambitions of becoming top names in boxing and winning a fortune. Only a handful will reach their goal but even these may wind up with volumes of newspaper clippings and a blank bank account because boxing today is still too often dominated by greedy promoters and managers. How one topflight boxer, Beau Jack, won glory and never got to see most of the money he earned is told in the revealing article by the ex-lightweight champ on these pages.

I HAVE often been asked why, after twice holding the lightweight championship of the world and drawing nearly $500,000 through the turnstiles of Madison Square Garden alone during four years of Big Time fighting, I have so little money today.

I'm going to try and answer that question here and now for the first time, and I hope that what I have to say will lead to certain much-needed improvements in the boxing game as it is conducted in this country. This is not a pleasant story and, I regret to say, does not reflect well upon the sport that made me famous and which I love.

There's a lot wrong with boxing today. One of the main things I dislike about the industry is the presence of a certain kind of hard-hearted individual who's in it for what he can get regardless of how. This type of man gives boxing a bad name everywhere and is responsible for a lot of good fighters ending up battered and broke after having given the best years of their lives to the game.

Who is this man? Well, you can find him wherever boxers and their followers gather, wherever fights are arranged and staged. You find his ilk hanging around countless gyms and training camps across the country. He has his hands on many a clean young fighter and won't let go. He elbows his way into shady deals and fixes fights when it suits his purpose. He hustles. He steals. He's the cutthroat manager who regards his fighter as a beast of burden or an article to be bought, bartered or sold. He's the grasping promoter who'll do practically anything for a quick dollar. He's the shifty operator who has larceny in his heart and the glint of gold constantly in his eyes.

This type of man has harmed boxing seriously by looking upon it as his own private racket to manipulate as he pleases. His hold on fighters and the fight game is stronger than most sport fans realize, and unless it is broken boxing is doomed.

I know what I'm talking about for I have been through the ring wars, heard the roar of the crowd acclaiming me in victory and heard them cheer my opponent when I was beaten. I have known the glory that is yours when you are at the top of the heap, and have had my share of praise from the backslappers and handshakers that crowd your dressing room after you've won an important fight. I have thrilled to the cheers of a packed Madison Square Garden house applauding a fine display of the "manly art."

But these are memories. Many of them I want to cherish, others I would rather forget. I was a champion twice. I drew some of the biggest gates in the history of Madison Square Garden and earned my share of the glamour and publicity that are the inevitable rewards of a champion. Now I have no title and the glamour has worn mighty thin. Financially, I have little to show for all those fights, the swollen lips, the cuts on my eyes, the blood that I swallowed—the punishment you can't escape even when you're winning.

After all the cuts, managers' takes and endless "deducts," there isn't much left. Naturally, I'm a pretty bitter guy.

At 27 I'm disgusted and disillusioned with the phoniness and larceny of boxing. I have nothing but contempt for the shysters and leeches that have made of boxing a vultures' paradise. My experience has been a bitter one and I hope that it will serve as a warning to young boxers now coming up who have been lured to the fight game by the promise of riches and fame. What happened to me has happened to hundreds of other boxers in the United States only on a smaller scale.

I was taken for one of the biggest rides in boxing history simply because I put my faith in men who were more interested in making their own pile than in looking after my welfare. I trusted wrong guys and paid little attention to the very important details of the business end of fighting.

I've never regarded boxing as a business. Maybe that's the reason why my financial affairs are in such a mess today. Maybe that's why some $250,000 that rightfully belonged to me never reached me. Maybe that's why I was such a sucker for a friendly grin and a casually-drawn-up and loosely observed contract.

I learned my lesson the hard way. Box-

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ing is a business from first to last, and any young fighter who enters the game with any other idea about it is in for a rude awakening, perhaps as costly as mine was. It's a dollars-and-cents proposition. Those who have noble ideas about the sporting tradition of boxing and the achievement of athletic glory belong in the amateur ranks. That's the place for them. They can slug their hearts out and be as scientific and gentlemanly as they want to. When you're fighting as an amateur it's pure sport—and a great one.

But once you cross that commercial line and become a professional, watch out for the wolves who infest the boxing game. You've got to be sharp or else they'll chew you to pieces cruelly and viciously—by diverting huge chunks of your purses (as happened to me) or giving you a false accounting of funds.

It took me nearly six years of fighting as a pro to realize this, and by that time I had lost a fortune. Before I got wise to the ways of the boxing sharks I fought for the sheer enjoyment of being in a ring and hearing the crowd backing me up. I fought because I loved to fight and because I regarded boxing as a sport with a great tradition and a certain code of conduct that should not be violated. Well, I was wrong about that. Boxing, I have discovered, is a business, a cold, hard, callous business.

All my life I have loved a good fight. As a small boy down in Augusta, Georgia, where I was born and grew up, I used to fight a lot, often for the fun of it. It didn't take much to get me into a fight, and once in, I usually managed to take care of my end of it. I was the local tough kid at 9, and the despair of my grandmother who wanted me to be a "nice boy" and very respectable.

Prior to April 19, 1940, when I fought my first pro fight, I had had no previous boxing experience that was according to any rules. I had never even fought an amateur fight.

The "battle royal" was my introduction to the fight game. It was my early, rugged training ground.

Do you know what a "battle royal" is? It's a bloody brawl in which at least five or six, and sometimes as many as ten fighters (almost always Negroes) are put into a ring (almost always in a Southern city) for the amusement of white men (usually successful business men out for an evening's sport). Down where I come from it used to be a regular institution among the sporting gentry who like their private athletics gory and rough. Sometimes to make the contest more humorous for the onlookers, the fighters are blindfolded and shoved into the ring to swing wildly at one another until blows are landed and men are knocked down.

In twilight of ring glory, Beau Jack was punished badly by younger and stronger foes

That was how I became a fighter. Actually, my younger brother, John Henry, got me interested in fighting for money. He started to fight in the battle royals long before I did. One night he came home smiling proudly and with $80 in his pocket. It was a lot of money for a youngster to have in those days.

"Where did you get that money, John Henry?" my grandmother asked him.

"I fought for it," he said.

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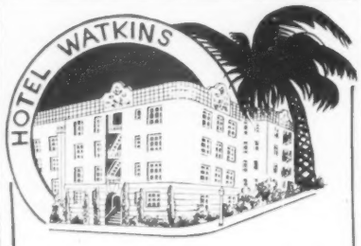

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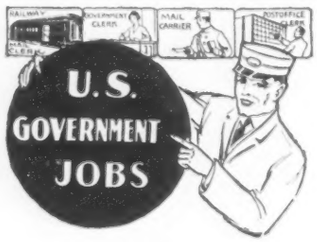

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"You fought for it?" grandmother exclaimed. "Tell me how you got that money."

John Henry proceeded to explain how he had entered a battle royal at a downtown private club and had won. He said he was the only one standing on his feet at the finish, and had therefore collected all the money. I was interested.

"I'd like to fight in one of them battle royals," I said to him. John Henry agreed to fix it so that I could enter the fight scheduled for the following week.

When fight time rolled around I was a little scared. I didn't know how I'd make it in there with boys older, bigger and more experienced than I was. But I wanted to make good badly—and the money would certainly come in handy at home. The fight was held in a private club for wealthy white Augusta sportsmen. There were six of us in the ring. When the bell sounded we tore into each other like a bunch of wildcats. I kept my back to the ropes and swung hard whenever a boy came near me. That way I was able to knock them all out—including my brother, John Henry! It was my first win. I got the whole "take," over $50, and gave it all to my grandmother who took it, pop-eyed with amazement.

"I think I want to be a fighter, Grandma," I told her. "I love to fight, and they make a lot of money."

"You'll do nothing of the sort," Grandma said sharply. She had other plans for me. "Go right upstairs and get washed, clean that blood off your face and chest, and go straight to bed, you hear?" I went to bed, but all night long I thought about the fight I had won, and what a wonderful thing it would be if I could fight all the time and maybe make a lot of money doing it.

Fights In 20 'Battle Royals'

THAT WAS not my last "battle royal." I fought fully twenty after that, winning a good many of them. The biggest battle royal I ever won was in 1939 held in the main dining room of the Barnell Hotel in Augusta. The fight had been arranged by one Bowman Milligan, who was the chief steward and manager at the Augusta National Golf Club where I was working as a caddy and shoe shine boy.

"Want to fight in a battle royal, kid?" Milligan asked me one day.

"I sure do, Mr. Milligan," I answered.

"You're in," he said.

It was a wild, bloody, crazy fight. There were eight of us and I was the smallest. When the spectators saw me get into the ring they set up an awful howl about my size.

"That little boy will be killed," they shouted. "Don't let the big fellows kill him! It's going to be murder! Stop it!"

The big boys didn't kill me. I was the winner, or I should say the sole survivor. The others were either down or out. I didn't knock out all seven—only four. But I collected all of the money thrown into the ring by the spectators. I was the happiest boy in the world. I never thought at the age of 18 I'd ever get my hands on so much money at one time. I gave it all to Grandma and looked around for more fights.

My interest in professional boxing was also growing fast. Henry Armstrong was my great idol of the ring. I followed all of his fights and listened to as many broadcasts of them as I could. Henry to me was the ideal fighter; he was Mr. Boxing himself, a grand boxer, a superb sportsman and a gentleman down to his toes. He had a big heart and his head never got too big for his britches even when he was holding three world's championships at the same time. I wanted to be just like Henry.

Decides To Become A Boxer

IN THOSE DAYS I worked on Grandma's farm, ploughing, planting and raising cotton, corn and peas. It was a fine farm, 35 acres in all, and we had a lot of fun working it.

At one time, I suppose, I was perfectly content to stay on the farm and make it a lifetime job. Grandma used to think th

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Starting out as a shoeshine boy at Augusta, Georgia, Golf Club, Beau Jack showed himself a tough youngster in scrapping for customers. Golf club members helped sponsor his boxing career. Here he shows shoe shine skill as a gag.

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maybe I might study to become a preacher. I didn't know what I wanted to do, really, until I won my first "battle royal." I got a peculiar thrill out of wading into an opponent with both hands going, and of feeling him reel under the force of a good solid right-hand smash. I guess it got real good to me. Soon I ate, slept and talked fighting. It was in my blood to stay.

Around the Augusta National Golf Club I quickly built up a reputation as a rough little scrapper, having fought and beaten practically every caddy and shoe shine boy around there. I got to be well known to the members too, whose clubs I carried and shoes I shined as "the fighting caddy." I was not only the best "fighting" caddy in the club; I was also the best shoe shine boy. At least, that's what everybody said. I developed a special shining technique that won me compliments far and wide.

I shined the shoes of the country's greatest golfers who came to the tournaments sponsored by the club, such as the world-famous Masters' Tournament. Among my famous customers were Ben Hogan, Bobby Jones, Craig Wood, Byron Nelson, and Jimmie Demaret. I got to know them all personally and they knew me. In later years when I became lightweight champion many of these famous golfers visited me in my dressing room after fights to congratulate me and chat about old times in Augusta.

As I developed my boxing skill through numerous fights with other caddies who would make me very mad by stealing my best customers, Bowman Milligan became very interested in me. Early in 1940 Milligan invited me to go with him to the Long Meadow Country Club in Springfield, Mass., where he worked as head waiter during the summers. I told him he'd have to get permission from my father. My father said no. So I stayed in Augusta. Later that year when my father died, Milligan again offered to take me North with him. This time I accepted. That was the beginning of my professional boxing career.

Starts On Pro Career

IN SPRINGFIELD I went to work trying to become a boxer. I caddied all day at the country club and after 6 P.M. each evening trained in a local gym. Milligan arranged to have me fight as a preliminary on a local card. It ended in a draw. I kept working hard in the gym, getting into condition and sparring. Eventually all that training paid off. I won my next five fights by knockouts. I was off to a good start.

Back in Augusta with Milligan the following year, I found that my ring exploits in Springfield had received little or no publicity in my native Georgia. Few pecple knew about my five knockouts. I was a little disappointed. Milligan set to work as a kind of unofficial press agent, booming me as a coming champion.

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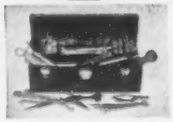

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he would tell the wealthy patrons of the Augusta National Golf Club. "All he needs now is a little financial help. Given a chance, he's bound to reach the top."

I also owe a great deal to Lavert Allen, who took me in hand for a while back in 1939-40 and gave me a lot of valuable pointers on the science of ring warfare. He was really the first trainer I had and one of the smartest I've ever known. Through his connections in Aiken, S. C., I was able to appear on a couple of boxing cards there that were very informally staged and run with little regard for boxing rules. But it was good experience.

There's been a lot of talk about how much money the rich club members put up to get me started. I even heard that a lot of folks said it ran into the thousands. But it wasn't that much at all. Several wealthy members of the club became interested in making small individual contributions toward the expenses necessary to getting me to New York so I could enter the Big Time. A syndicate was formed, with each man putting up $50. The most prominent and active member of that syndicate was Clifford Roberts, a Wall Street broker who was also chairman of the board of the Augusta National Golf Club.

With the money contributed by this group of well-wishers, I took off for New York and a fling at the Big Time. I was in good spirits. I had my sights set on the lightweight championship and felt nothing could stop me.

Forgets About Business

I FORGOT all about business matters. I didn't understand business, and really wasn't too interested in it. All I wanted was enough money to pay my room rent, laundry, meals, buy a few clothes and the price of a movie every now and then. I was in boxing for the glory and fun of fighting and for the fame that would be mine when I won the world's championship. My manager handled the money.

In those days I never questioned his judgment nor his business methods. I trusted him with everything I had. I considered him a second father. He promised me that he'd look after me, do right by me and see to it that my future security would be assured as a result of my earnings in the ring.

I didn't feel that a contract was necessary. However, he insisted that a special contract would have to be signed permitting him to take full charge of my affairs since I was not yet 21. Thus it was that he became my legal guardian and a contract stipulating his authority was signed in Augusta in 1941. It gave him as I recall, complete and unquestioned authority over me legally, financially and practically in every other way.

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When Ike Williams beat me in Philadelphia last July sports

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lightweight championship of the world, and I was determined to win if it took me ten years to do it. I wanted to be just like Henry Armstrong, to be a credit to boxing and to the Negro people. I figured if I lived cleanly and trained hard nothing could stop me from getting to the top. I have lived cleanly. I have never tasted liquor, beer or wine. I don't smoke. I get eight hours' sleep each and every night and the best of medical care whenever I need it. Nevertheless, I lost both the lightweight title and a fortune.

I make no excuses for the fights I lost. As for the money—that's another matter. I was beaten financially, not by left hooks or solid rights to the jaw, but by unfair financial arrangements which drained my money away.

When the money was rolling in from those record-breaking Madison Square Garden gates, I wasn't thinking about my end of the purse at all. I guess I didn't appreciate the value of money. It had never been much of a factor in my life. When I suddenly found myself making bucketfuls of it I was both confused and bored by the complicated finances of it all. I was happy to be fighting and was glad to let my manager handle the money and dispose of it as he saw fit.

According to our original understanding, which I understand was in the contract of guardianship, my manager was to get half of each purse. Later on, when Chick Wergeles, my present manager, entered the picture, this was altered to give Chick 25 per cent, my former manager 25 and me 50 per cent. However, it never worked exactly that way. My first manager usually put his 25 per cent with my 50 and split the combined figure down the middle. This meant that we were getting 37½ per cent apiece. I learned too late that this was highly illegal and had the Boxing Commission known of it, it would have ordered a division of each purse according to its requirements.

Joint Bank Account Proves Costly

AFTER I reached the age of 21, my manager continued to exercise the authority of a guardian over me. His role in my life remained unchanged. He continued to handle all of my business affairs and I foolishly accepted all of his decisions. I had a lot of faith in him.

One of the costliest of all these decisions was one to set up a joint bank account for the two of us. Theoretically, he banked all of my earnings, that is, my share of each purse. After each fight, he would pick up the check at the promoter's office. Sometimes he told me what I made. Sometimes he didn't.

Usually he'd say. "Beau, I'm gonna put your share in the bank for you." That meant our joint account.

"OK," I'd say. "You're the boss. You handle the money. I'll do the fighting." He, of course, kept all the records and held the bankbooks. I could make no withdrawal without his signature and permission. He controlled my money, lock, stock and barrel.

One of the members of the syndicate which raised that money to give me a start wasn't far wrong when he told a newspaperman in Augusta, "Beau Jack has to get down on his knees to get a five dollar bill." It was never that hard to get $5, but it is true that my manager had the final say on what money I could draw and when. I followed his orders faithfully and never complained.

Suffers Serious Accident

TO ADD to my financial misfortunes I suffered the most serious accident of my career in Chicago in 1946 while training for a fight with Willie Joyce. I snapped a knee cap in training and was forced to withdraw from that fight and rest up for a number of months until it healed. Every one knows what happened when I returned to the ring to fight Tony Janiro in January, 1948. That bad knee snapped again and Janiro was awarded the fight on a technical knockout even though he barely laid a glove on me. It was one of the toughest breaks a fighter could suffer. Those two injuries cost a lot of money in doctors' bills and hospital fees. I paid those bills out of my own pocket with no assistance from anyone.

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BEAU JACK *Continued*

When Ike Williams beat me in Philadelphia last July sports writers all over the country said I was washed up—and broke. Well, I may not be as well off as some fighters—and dishonest managers I can name—but I'm far from through. I'm going after the welterweight title this time. Another thing some of the sports writers wondered about was the mystery of where all of my ring earnings had gone.

I had come to my senses before the disastrous Ike Williams fight—though a little too late to recover my money. I'm not much of a mathematician, but I'll do my best to give you the financial picture as I've been able to reconstruct it.

I fought 23 main bouts at Madison Square Garden, drawing more capacity houses there than any fighter in boxing history. Combined gate receipts, I am told, came to over $1,500,000 of which my purses totaled close to $500,000. Since I never cashed the checks, deposited any money or kept any records, I'll never know how much of that money went to my manager and how much I got. I have no receipts showing payment of my shares of the various purses. Now, based on what I know I spent for such things as clothes, a couple of small houses in Georgia and other sundry items, I figure that between $200,000 and $250,000 of that money which was mine by rights never reached my hands. Now I am not making any specific charges against anyone in particular. I only say that that money should have come to me and didn't.

I severed connections with my manager early in 1947. His last cut was $7,500 he collected from my purse for the Tony Janiro fight in February of that year.

The fight with Ike Williams, which ended in his knocking me out, netted me less than $7,000 after my manager's share and training expenses had been deducted. As many a sympathetic sports writer pointed out, that didn't leave me much to "retire" on—that is, if I intended to retire, which I don't.

Interested In Glory Instead Of Money

DURING my most profitable years in boxing I made the mistake of being more interested in glory, cheers and athletic achievement, than in financial returns and wise investment. I did manage to buy a few pieces of property in Georgia, not far from where I was born. These include, one 20-acre farm, one 15-acre farm, three frame houses and a liquor store run by my uncle, John Harris, in Augusta. In addition to these properties, there are also two $10,000 annuities which were taken out in 1943. They will help to provide some security for my two children when they grow up.

Looking back on my years in boxing I am sure they've been worth it. Despite my reverses, personal losses and disappointments I'm glad I came to New York in 1941 in search of a world's championship. I'm glad because I've been a champion twice and might be again. I'm glad because I've learned a lot and had a lot of fun.

The mistakes I made were serious enough, but they were due to my youth and inexperience. I'll never repeat them, and I hope that the current crop of young boxing hopefuls will profit by my mistakes and experience and see that the same thing doesn't happen to them.

My advice to today's young boxers who are just starting out is: get a good, honest manager and a competent, trustworthy lawyer. Understand all financial arrangements that are made for you and don't be afraid to ask questions about them when you are at all in the dark about your interests. See that your contracts are carefully written—and enforced—so that you are protected and not crooked managers. Finally, place your faith in business matters only in a good, strong, air-tight contract drawn up according to Boxing Commission regulations and strictly executed. That's a boxer's best guarantee for his health and future.

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Co-editors Arna Bontemps and Langston Hughes are not only recognized poets but also among the most prolific Negro writers in the U. S. The two worked in Chicago, Nashville and New York on their *Poetry Of The Negro,* Hughes spending several weeks in the Caribbean to gather material by about 50 West Indies writers.

POETS

Ambitious anthology includes big names as well as new, fresh group of Negro bards

IN THE 200 years since the first U. S. Negro poet, a New York slave named Jupiter Hammon, started writing couplets, more than 400 volumes of poetry have been published by colored writers. Like all poetry it has run the gamut from superlative to mediocre. But like the Negro's music, his poems are likely to be marked by a certain special riff, an extra glide, a kick and a beat where none is expected. It follows the literary traditions of the language it uses but it does not hold them sacred. As a result there has been a tendency for critics to put Negro poetry in a special category by itself, outside the main body of American poetry and with a racial tag.

In terms of publication this special rating has too often meant omission and lack of recognition in regular poetry anthologies. But still Negroes take to poetry as they do to music, are among its most prolific writers. To meet the need for a recognized, complete collection of the best Negro-authored poems of all time, two outstanding colored poets—Langston Hughes and Arna Bontemps—have collaborated in the most ambitious and extensive anthology ever published. Due from the big book firm of Doubleday-Doran this month with a $5 price tag, the work is the result of two years of digging for material that dates back to 1750. More than 1,000 pages in manuscript, it includes 150 poets, 39 of them whites who wrote on racial themes.

More than simply an anthology, *The Poetry Of The Negro* reflects for the first time the drive and spirit not only of well-known big-name poets but also reveals a new and fresh group of modern-day bards. On these pages EBONY presents the pictorial story of today's outstanding living poets, new and old, too often unsung and forgotten in the rash of controversy over current best sellers on racial themes.

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Jessie Redmond Fauset was spiritual leader of Negro poets during Harlem Renaissance by virtue of her literary editorship of Crisis. She is better known for her four novels on Negro upper class than her poetry, once taught French at Washington's Dunbar High School. At present she is a housewife in Montclair, N. J., home, occasionally turns out verse.

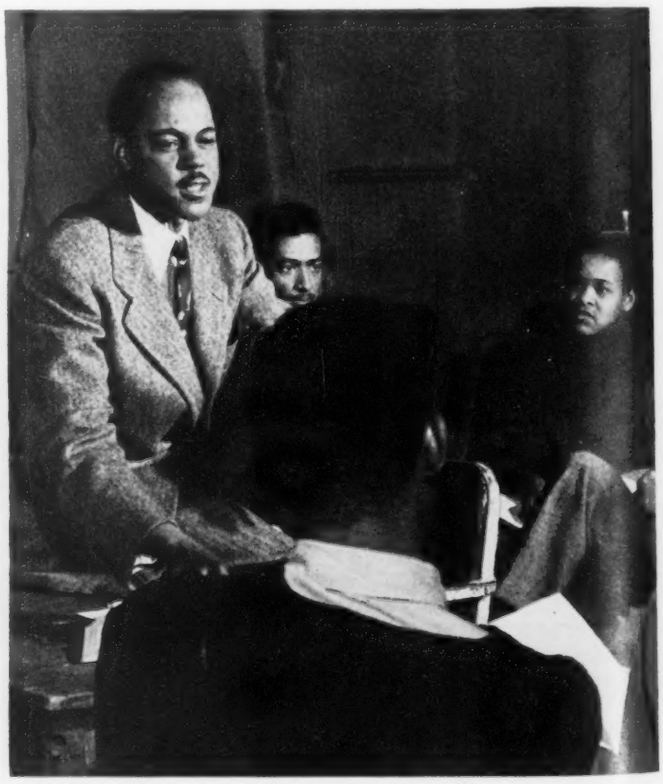
William Stanley Braithwaite, dean of living Negro poets, is known more for his discovery of noted white poets rather than his own poems, published in three volumes. From 1913 to 1929 he edited an annual anthology of magazine verse, was on editorial staff of Boston Transcript. Since retirement as Atlanta professor, he has lived on Harlem's Sugar Hill, recently published his *Selected Poems.*

LINES OF TODAY'S POETS REFLECTING RACE AWARENESS

BY FAR the most productive era for Negro poetry was during the Harlem literary renaissance of the 20's and it is the lyrics of these days that represent a good part of *The Poetry Of The Negro,* most comprehensive Negro anthology of the past 25 years (others edited by James Weldon Johnson and Countee Cullen). First anthology was put out in 1845 by a dozen free Louisiana Negroes educated in Paris. Called *Les Genelles,* the work scarcely touched racial themes.

In contrast to this New Orleans school and the later Harlem crowd who felt an injustice in the critics' insistence on calling them Negro poets instead of just poets, today's lusty singers are prideful of their racial antecedents and their lines ring with militance as well as elo-

Margaret Walker sprang into poetic prominence with Yale University prize volume, *For My People,* which was written by Birmingham-born girl for M.A. degree at University of Iowa. She has been a Rosenwald fellowship winner, now is writing a new book at High Point, N. C., home. Her lecture tours are marked by dramatic readings of her work. She is mother of two children.



Owen Dodson wrote poems for a number of magazines before publication of his book, *Powerful Long Ladder,* which won critical acclaim. Now teaching English at Howard University, Brooklyn-born preacher's son got master's degree at Yale where he had two of his plays produced by university theater. He served in the Navy during World War II.

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George Douglas Johnson was first Negro woman of present century to gain recognition as poet. She has written three published volumes, early in her career set herself "the task of documenting the female heart." Her first book, *The Heart Of A Woman*, was published 30 years ago but she is still active today in Washington, D. C., having campaigned for Dewey in last election.

quence. Such top current names in Negro poetry as Gwendolyn Brooks, Margaret Walker, Frank Marshall Davis, Melvin Tolson demonstrate their racial awareness in titles such as *A Street In Bronzeville, For My People, Black Man's Verse* and *Dark Symphony.*

There are those, however, who shun racial themes. Donald Jeffrey Hayes' position among Negro poets is in some respects like that of Frank Yerby among fiction writers. Popular without reference to race and not yet highbrow, the handsome poet lives quietly in Atlantic City and continues successfully to contribute short lyrics to such foremost national magazines as Harper's Bazaar, Good Housekeeping and This Week.

Gwendolyn Brooks, twice a Guggenheim fellow, has probably received most critical approval among newer Negro poets. Her *Street In Bronzeville* brought her selection by Mademoiselle as one of ten foremost American women in 1945. She began writing when 7, sold first poem at 13. Her newest book, *Annie Allen,* will be published this Fall. Husband and son, 8, also write poetry.

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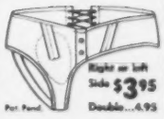

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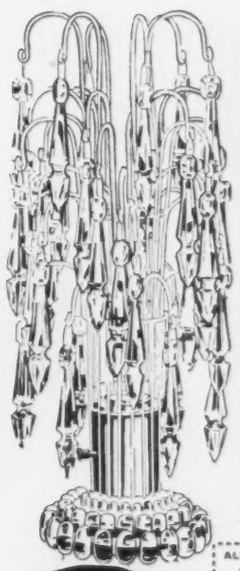

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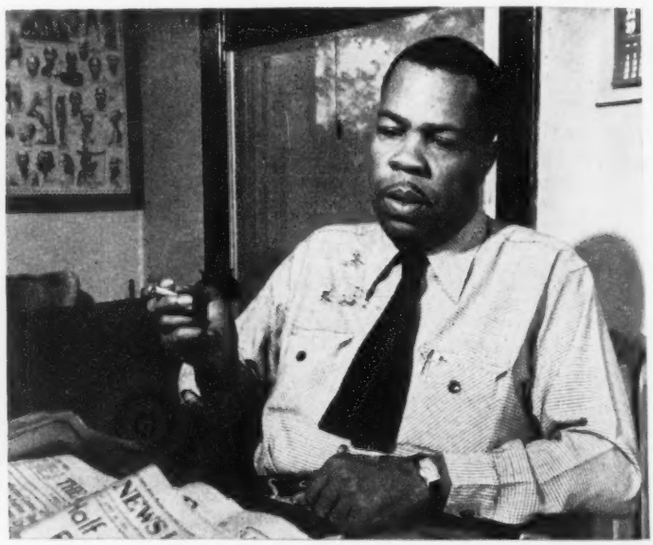
Donald Jeffrey Hayes is one outstanding Negro poet whose lines do not refer to race. His material is sold regularly to top-rate women's magazines. His favorite hobby is setting his lyrics to music.

Sterling Brown is perhaps better known as a Howard University teacher, a critic and a folklore specialist than as poet. But his first published book, *Southern Road*, was poetry. He was top Negro WPA editor.

Frank Horne still turns out occasional lines of poignant verse despite duties as federal housing expert. Uncle of Lena Horne, he has contributed much poetry to Crisis, Opportunity and several anthologies.

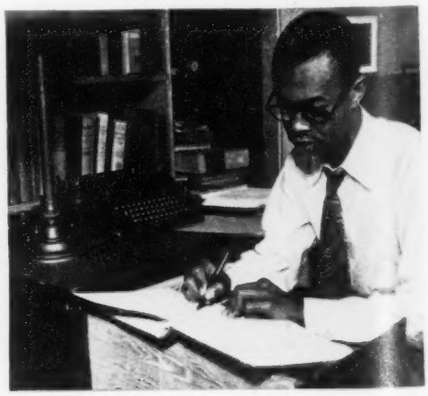
Myron O'Higgins seems nearest to recognition of younger poets. He is one of group of five poets who have rebelled against editors and organized their own press to publish own material. Chicago-born graduate of Howard University has studied in Mexico and Cuba, taught at Fisk and Howard. Army vet living in Harlem insists poetry is intellectual art, puts his titles at end of poems.



Frank Marshall Davis typifies rugged school of poetry, has had three volumes of his work published. A newspaperman with Associated Negro Press for past 13 years, he says: "I am a realist and I write primarily of the impact of discrimination upon me." After 20 years of protest writing Davis intends to go to Hawaii with blonde wife and possibly make it his permanent home.

Bruce Wright is one of newer youthful group of poets, had his *From the Shaken Tower* published in England while in Army. Lincoln graduate, he is at present studying law in New York City.

Melvin Beaunearus Tolson first won attention with his *Dark Symphony* published in Atlantic Monthly, later published book *Rendezvous with America*. Langston teacher has been named poet laureate of Liberia.



M. Carl Holman belongs to youth movement among Negro poets, won Fisk prize five years ago. Ex-elevator boy in St. Louis is now teaching at Clark University in Atlanta, writing a book.

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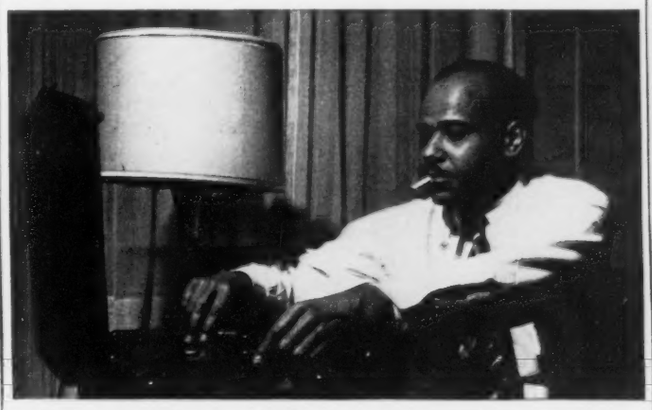
New school and Renaissance writers discuss modern-day poetry. Robert A. Hayden, Fisk English teacher and winner of four poetry fellowships, and Bette Latimer, youngest of the new poets, talk of their work with anthology editor Arna Bontemps. Hayden's first collection, *Heartshape in the Dust*, was pul 'ished in 1940. He has written for Poetry and Atlantic Monthly.

ONLY HUGHES MAKES LIVING FROM POEMS

OF ALL major writing pursuits, undoubtedly the most thankless and least lucrative is poetry. The concept of the American poet as a hungry, ragged, anguished character is not too far from the truth. The lot of the Negro poet has much in common with the plight of the whole species. Popular Langston Hughes is the only one since Paul Laurence Dunbar who has succeeded in making a living from the craft. Poetry has turned in a pretty penny for him. His poems have been danced by Pearl Primus, sung by Juanita Hall and Muriel Rahn and recited by Paul Robeson. He himself has done well lecturing about his poems on regular cross-country tours. Since his first book, *The Weary Blues*, published in 1926, he has held only one regular job—one semester as guest professor at Atlanta University.

None of the current poet crop are as precocious as bards like Hughes, who wrote *The Negro Speaks Of Rivers* the summer after his high school graduation in Cleveland or Countee Cullen who did *I Have A Rendezvous with Life* while at New York's DeWitt Clinton High School. Perhaps the biggest man in Negro poetry, Paul Laurence Dunbar, wrote his first book before he was 21.



Waring Cuney gained attention during Harlem Renaissance by winning first prize in Opportunity contest in 1926 and he is still prominent for verses, most recent being poems of protest used in Josh White's album *Southern Exposure*. Cuney studied voice in Italy, was in Army during last war and is now living and writing in New York City.

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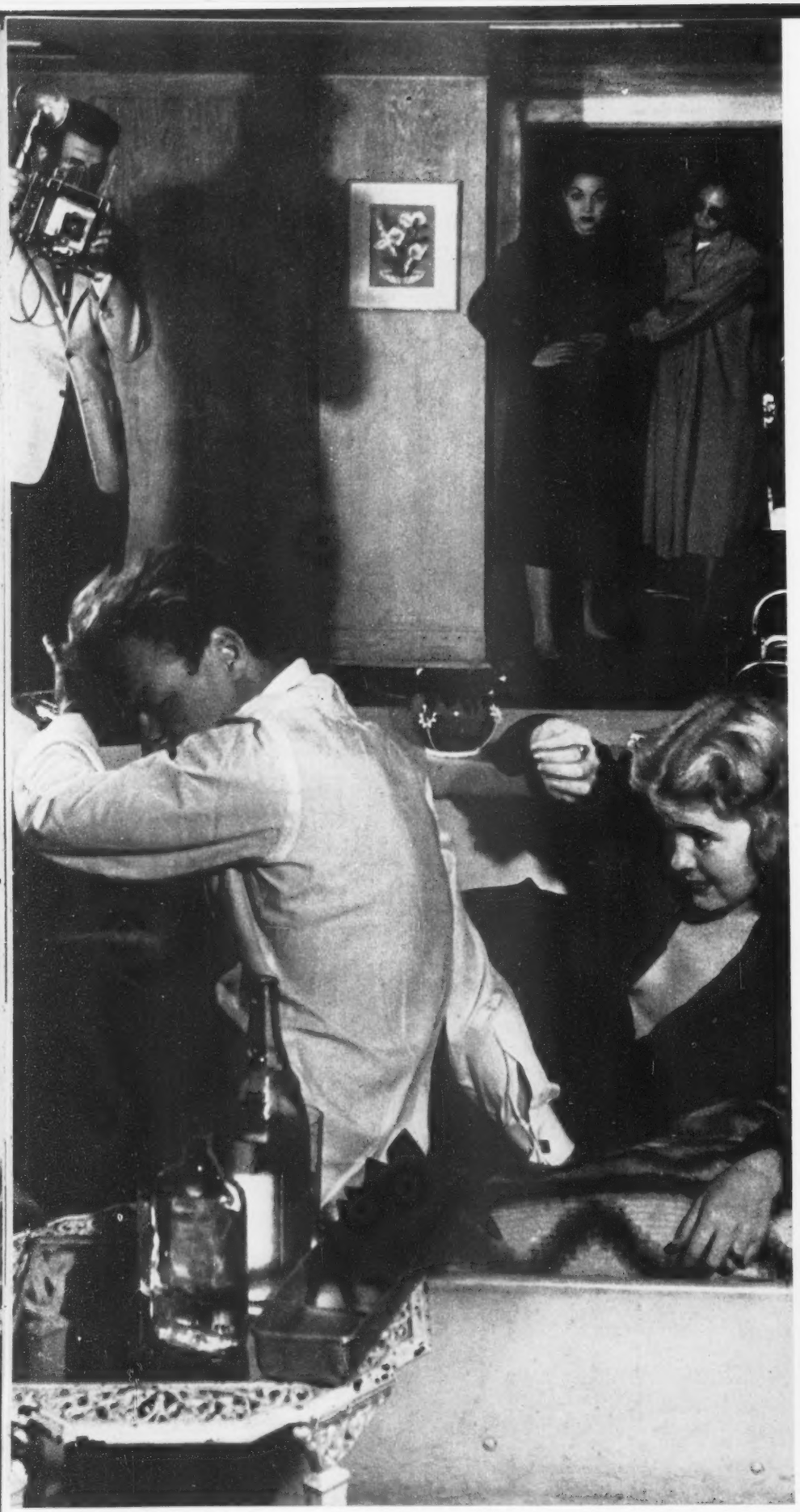
LADY DETECTIVE

Sleuth Vivian Bunton shadows and always gets her man but she doesn't always like it

IN THE storied, adventurous private-detective business, top qualification for success is not to look or act like a detective. Filling the bill perfectly is a small, thin Texas-born Negro housewife who is probably California's most un-detective-looking private sleuth. She is 32-year-old Vivian Bunton, an always-composed "tailer" and fingerprint expert, who adeptly uses her color and meek appearance to "stick like glue" to errant husbands, criminals and playful wives. She makes it a point to always get her man but she doesn't like it, because she feels that "shadowing is the downright mean part of detective work."

Since she paid $50 to take a magazine correspondence course in fingerprinting two years ago, the ex-school teacher has been busy working—sometimes around the clock—as "private eye" for the well-established white Frances V. Stilson Detective Agency in Los Angeles. "Tailing" has been one of her main jobs at the agency and her disguises for the job have ranged from waitress to vacationist. On one case in the swank Hollywood area, she went to a house party as chief caterer, hired to keep an eye on the rare antique silver spoons—a few of which disappeared at every party. The hostess was sure "it's one of the servants." But detective Bunton got evidence to show the guilty party was "one of the hostess' best friends who was carefully wrapping a spoon in her handkerchief during dinner chitchat."

Some four out of five cases assigned to the colored gumshoe expert have been contemplated divorce actions. To show how she operates, EBONY on these pages has re-enacted a typical case with Hollywood starlets Russell Johnson, Kay Cousins and Joyce Otis.



Caught red-handed in hotel room, husband is photographed with "other woman" as wife and detective Vivian Bunton look on. Preliminary investigation by lady Sherlock led to nabbing of husband and "friend" in love nest. In courtroom, picture grabbed by photographer will net wife lion's share of property after divorce.

Reporting case cracked, detective Bunton telephones her boss at Frances V Stilson agency. She nets $20 daily plus expenses as "private eye."

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Alarmed by husband's "staying away from home, not coming in from office on time," Jerry visits Stilson agency and asks detective to find out where he goes.

Assigned to job, detective Vivian Bunton waits in car outside husband's shop to find out what he does after hours. Sure enough he picks up Susan. "Following an adultery case is mostly waiting for a compromising situation," says Mrs. Bunton.

Next day detective keeps on trail and hits the jackpot. Following Susan's car after she has picked up husband, she finds they go to secluded hotel in Hollywood hills. She keeps car hidden at roadbend and watches couple kiss before entering hotel.

Seeking ironclad evidence, detective slips into waitress clothes and serves couple at bar to get fingerprints on drinking glasses.

Back at agency, glass is sprayed with powder and print impressions taken off with Scotch tape. Agency is now ready to make raid seen on opposite page.

Husband's fingerprints are taken after raid to check with impression on drinking glass for conclusive proof in courtroom during divorce suit.

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Beauty parlor proves to be best place to get confidential information from unsuspecting wives who discuss personal affairs with operator. Here Mrs. Bunton listens while wife talks freely. She has been in detective work for more than two years.

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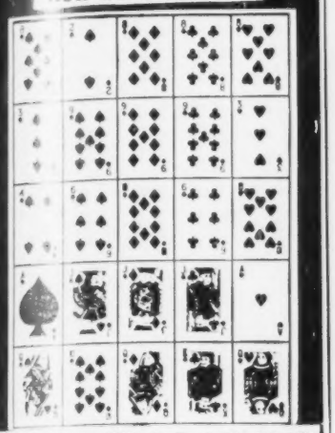

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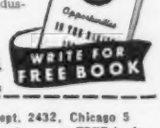

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At home with her husband, Mardrue D. Bunton, a plasterer, Mrs. Bunton is an ordinary housewife. "My wife's career worries me," Bunton admits, "but I'm proud of her." Mrs. Bunton's father owns a chicken and turkey farm in Texas.

GETTING PROOF OF ADULTERY IS HER MAIN JOB AT AGENCY

MILD-MANNERED Vivian Bunton is a good detective because she "looks like the last person in the world who'd be a detective and she's smart-thinking and quick to make decisions in a business where you have to make decisions all the time and fast," according to tough, heavy-set Frances Stilson, who set up her own agency after years as a Montgomery Ward store detective.

Most of the agency's work is divorce cases because of a California state law which decrees ". . . community property (house, cars, furniture, etc.) to be equally divided between husband and wife unless either is guilty of adultery." Thus, it pays to hire a private detective and prove adultery when contemplating divorce in California.

"This makes our major income work hard," Miss Stilson says, "for evidence of adultery is difficult to prove and hotly contested. For instance, if photographs are made, it's possible to say they have been tampered with, doctored up. We have to present iron-bound cases in court."

"When cases get to court, the discovered person is usually so amazed he or she is without words and doesn't know what to say or do," says Mrs. Bunton. "In all the situations I've been in, still the most exciting was my first time in court. I'd shadowed a woman for four days. She saw me once. I pretended I was the delivery maid in the apartment house. On the stand in court when I rose to speak of the incident and identified her, she jumped about three feet, so amazed was she that it was I who was the detective.

"Another time in court I had evidence in a trailer-camp case. The party in question screamed that I was a liar, that my word meant nothing. But the judge knows our license can be taken away if we ever lie—so our word is most always taken.

"A good shadower has to be strong, not only in sturdy footwork but in psychology. Being colored and having to move secretly and quickly in and out of any restaurants, bars, stores, involves more strength. Not that I've ever been refused service or created scenes, but I've had to defend myself not only with words, but with intelligent words as to my guaranteed rights of first-class citizenship. And all the time keeping my eye on a suspect. Finally, as a woman—just that extra strength to walk into a bar alone—well, it's a rough assignment. But the pay is very good."

"If the fact that I'm a Negro isn't explained before I go on a job," says Mrs. Bunton, "some clients seem reluctant to have me work. But so far they've forgotten their prejudices pretty quickly when it's been explained how well-fitted I am for the work."

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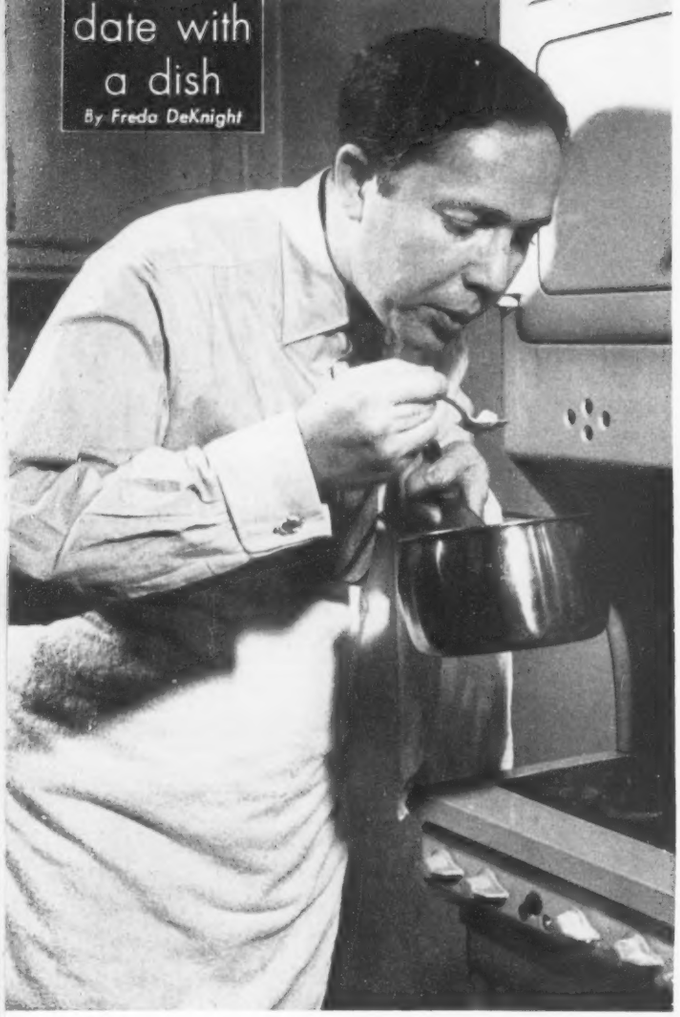


Concert singer and radio star Igor Gorin samples some of his potato soup. He recommends serving it piping hot with a big hunk of butter in the plate. Gorin has appeared on many leading network radio shows.

PEASANT POTATO SOUP

Old country recipe of Igor Gorin is delightful morale builder on cold, icy days of winter

WHEN the most bitter and grueling days of winter roll around, there's nothing like a thick hot soup to bolster morale as well as satisfy the most hungry appetite. Perfectly filling any menu for winter meals is a delicious peasant potato soup that has been a standby in the Russian family of noted baritone Igor Gorin for years. The soup was a favorite with Gorin's mother who handed down the recipe to the now-famed concert singer. He believes it a perfect dinner item whether on the freezing steppes of Russia or the icy plains of the Midwest.

Peasant potato soup is a full meal almost in itself, bound to furnish the strength and vitality needed to face the icy blasts of these winter days. And with potatoes still plentiful, it's a welcome relief from the usual potatoes—boiled, baked, fried, mashed and escalloped. As an expert amateur cook who loves to experiment with new and different foods, Gorin says peasant potato soup is bound to be a wintertime treat.

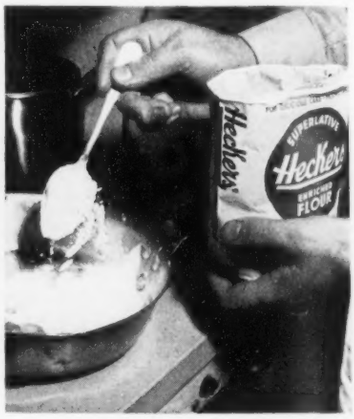
1 **Wash and peel** 4 to 6 firm white potatoes. Cut in small pieces about ½ in. in size. Rinse in cold water several times.

2 **Cook potatoes** until tender in pan ¾ full of water. Add salt, pepper, paprika. Test with spoon to see if potatoes are done.

3 **Cut up one large onion** in small pieces. Soup should be served with thin strips of Russian rye bread or pumpernickel.

4 **Sauté cut onions** in butter, stirring constantly and browning only lightly. Do not burn.

5 **Add onions** to potatoes in pan. Seasoning is important in soup and more salt or paprika can be added to taste.



6 **Add 3 tbsp. butter** to 3 tbsp. flour in frying pan. Be sure not to burn but bring to a golden brown.

7 **Stir flour and butter** continually. Add flour mixture to potatoes and onions and cook about 8 minutes longer.

8 **Proof of potato soup** is in the eating. Igor Gorin advises a bit of chopped parsley just as soup is being served to add color.

Practicing turns, party of five Portland skiers follows lead of Gertrude Cook on slope at Mt. Hood, which probably attracts more Negro fans than any other ski resort in nation. Top Negro skier in nation is probably Charles Duncan (below), former Dartmouth College ski captain shown executing jump turn at Mt. Cranmore, N. H.

SKIING

Popular winter sport becoming favorite with Negro fans

OF ALL the mass sports in America, none has as few Negro followers as skiing which today boasts some three million fanatic timber-riding fans. Of a race that excels in most fields of athletic endeavor, perhaps no more than 1,000 Negroes have ever risked life and lower limb at man's most ancient mode of snow transportation which until a few decades ago was just a quaint Scandinavian custom.

Chief reasons for lack of interest among Negro sports lovers in swooshing down snowy slopes in numerous winter wonderlands north of the Mason and Dixon Line have been: 1) lack of knowledge about skiing due to remoteness of white-capped mountains; 2) high cost of initial equipment; 3) difficulty in securing accommodations at many prejudiced lodges.

But despite these handicaps, the ski bug has been biting increasing numbers of Negroes in recent years and bringing fledgling skiers out for their snow bowl baptism. Perhaps most of the new-found zest for slalom and schussing has been in the West where migrants have upped the Negro population of cities such as San Francisco, Seattle and Portland, around which ski resorts abound. On Mt. Hood and Mt. Rainier on any winter week-end brown faces dot the bright white alpine peaks, for the ski craze is catching on fast with these onetime Southerners, whether college students or Pullman porters.

It is Denver, however, that boasts of the only Negro ski club in the U. S. and perhaps the world. The Ski Lancers, organized three years ago by one-time high jump star Gilbert Cruter, has a membership of 30 who pool cars, skis and teachers to go on week-end jaunts to such first class runs as Berthoud Pass, Loveland Pass and Winter Park.

Perhaps the only Negro professional in this booming billion-dollar industry is a Canadian, popular Gordon Simpson who directs the ski school of the 7,000-member Toronto Ski Club, largest ski club in the world operating on its own property.

Oldest Negro skiers are found in New England, which made the sport popular long before the first rope tows were inaugurated 15 years ago to make going up mountains almost as enjoyable as plummeting down at 60 miles an hour. Boston's H. F. Roberts has been telemarking over hills in the Northeast for 42 years while Dartmouth College's ski squad, one of the best in the nation, has elected at least one Negro as its captain. He was Charles Duncan, son of noted baritone Todd Duncan and one of the few Negroes who has gone in for the spectacular specialty of ski jumping.

Beautiful Timberline Lodge at Mt. Hood has one of longest ski seasons in U. S., is half buried under 15 feet of snow from November through April. Built by WPA and owned by government, it does not practice discrimination.

Ready for run down 'The Trail,' party of Portland Negro skiers is poised on slope outside lodge, which has snow up to level of second story eaves. Robert Coleman (extreme left) is rated best Negro skier in Oregon, has been in several tournaments.

Beginner Valeria Carr takes a spill on her second time on skis while by-standers Gertrude Cook and Steve Wright stand by laughing. Mt. Hood ski lift is mile long, goes up to elevation of 7,000 feet. Ride takes 11 minutes.

Relaxing in lounge at Timberline Lodge after strenuous afternoon on Mt. Hood's slopes, party exchanges experiences. They made 63-mile trip from Portland in car of Stephen Wright (left), owner of Medley Hotel and an avid ski enthusiast.

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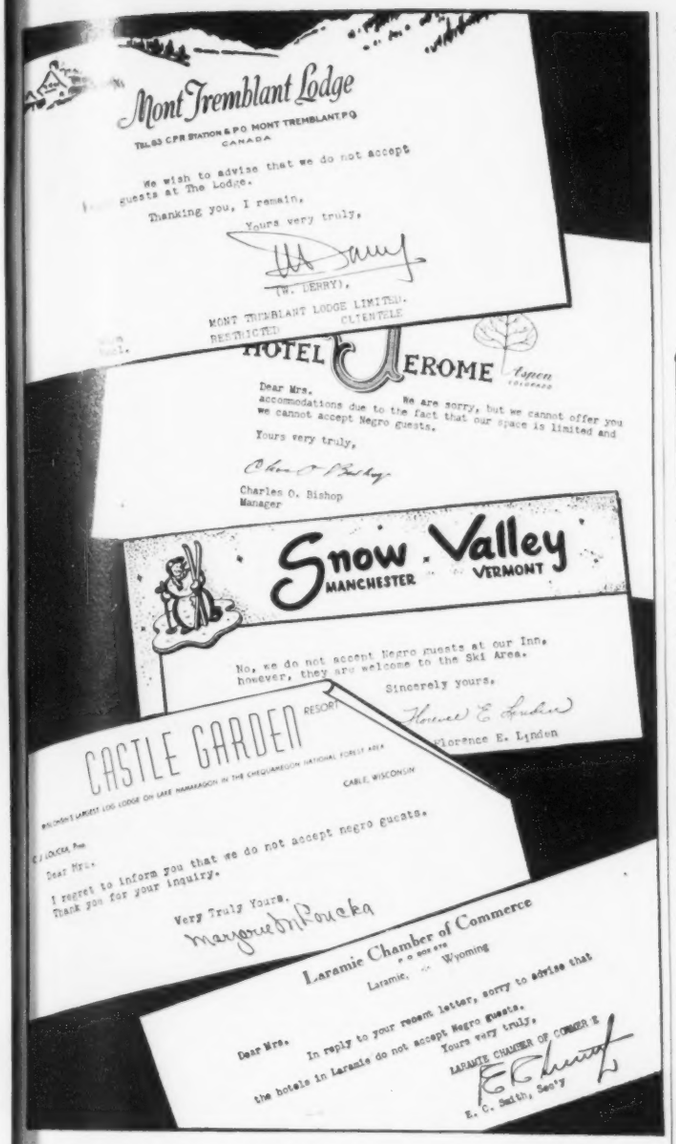
Many resorts follow the familiar summer resort pattern of refusing to accommodate Negro guests. To find out to what extent this practice has penetrated winter areas, EBONY conducted a nation-wide survey of 161 resorts from New England to California, asking each if they would accept a Negro party of skiers.

Seventy-one turned a deaf ear entirely to the letter, although resorts usually vie hotly for business. Of the 90 responses, there were 32 qualified acceptances, 35 were rejections, four weren't sure, eight had closed or were closing, four had no overnight facilities and seven just gave general information. Three of the 34 affirmative replies professed non-discrimination but were filled, six said "filled now, try later."

Among those giving outright refusals were such plush spots as Mont Tremblant in the Canadian Laurentians and the Hotel Jerome at Aspen, Colorado, newest U. S. ski development (see letters on next page). Other out-and-out "No's" came from the Tahoe Inn in California, National Park Hotel in Estes Park, Colorado, Gateway Hotel in Land O'Lakes, Wisconsin, and the Northernaire Club in Wisconsin.



Typical letters from ski resorts which will not accept Negro guests come from all sections of U. S. and Canada. Mont Tremblant is owned by American. Hotel Jerome is run by firm headed by Container Corp. head Walter Paepcke.

PREVAILS IN MANY SKI RESORTS

The most publicized ski spot in America, Sun Valley, after much prodding replied that they were booked through the ski season but could handle a party after the season ends in April.

Popular Timberline Lodge, which is halfway up Mt. Hood where most Negro skiers from Portland go, has a stock reply to inquiries for accommodations from colored guests: "Negroes in the past have not found Timberline Lodge conducive to their own entertainment but since it is a government property there are certainly no objections if they wish to be our guests."

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"Most places in the East," says Charles Duncan who has skied on nearly every New England slope, "have 'restricted' and 'Christian' management lodges." He spent one week at Mt. Mansfield, million-dollar Vermont resort, but stayed with a French-Canadian family whom the local Chamber of Commerce said "will have you."

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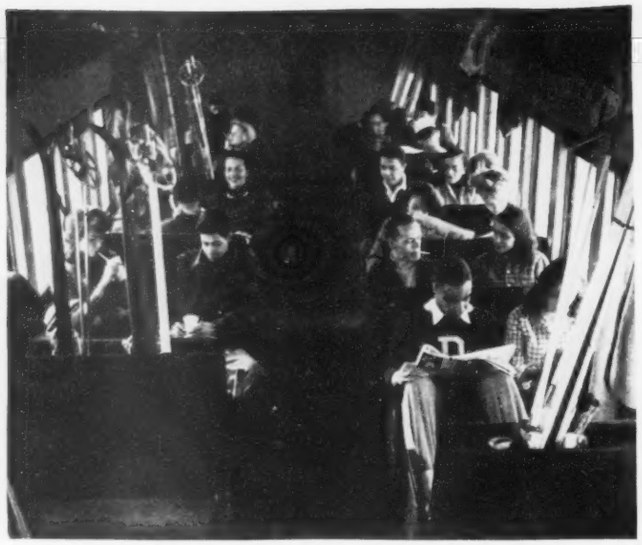
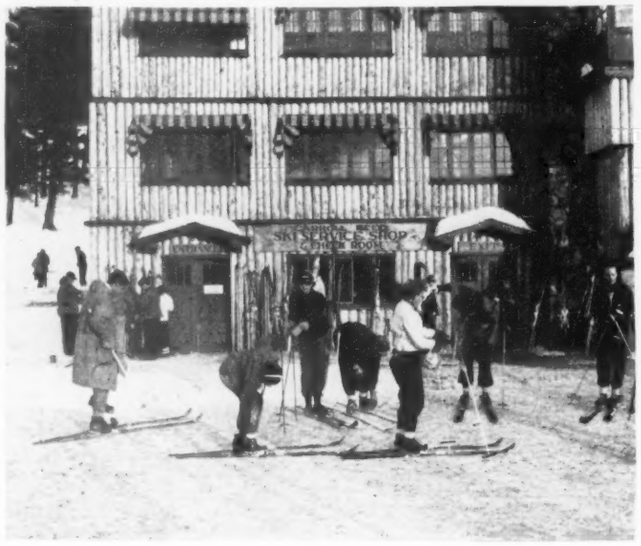


Boston ski party departs for Mt. Cranmore on ski train specially designed for cumbersome luggage. At least three in the party of 14 had never been on skis before, hoped to get their initiation. Ski trains are most numerous in East.



Mounting skis at lodge young Negro collegians from Boston prepare to schuss all day on New Hampshire mountainside. Cost for week at resorts runs anywhere from $35 to $125.

Getting instructions from expert Charles Duncan, "snow bunnie" Myra McAdoo, a journalism student at Boston U., gets her skis tangled. Ski outfits vary from GI pants to $500 Saks ensemble.

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BOSTON SKI PARTY INITIATES BEGINNERS INTO SNOW SPORT

THE SKI BUG, which spread like mountain fog with the inauguration of the rope tow 15 years ago, is contagious and shows an amazing virulence with anyone who once steps on hickory for an exhilarating ride down a mountain incline. How the virus bites newcomers is demonstrated by the Boston ski party on these pages.

Made up of an expert like Charles Duncan and fledglings like Boston College sophomore Myra McAdoo and Radcliffe College sophomore Barbara Fitzgerald, both of whom had never been on skis before, the party of 14 took a typical Sunday ski train that shuttles up to North Conway, N. H., in three hours and deposits its snow-hungry load on the slopes of Mt. Cranmore. As usual, this party wound up with the ski vets teaching the newcomers the fundamentals of herringbone and snow plowing until they could no longer stand erect in their bindings. Then while the novices rested, the oldtimers took to the heights and demonstrated their prowess on skis with spectacular slaloms.

But tired as they were, the newcomers were bitten by the bug and vowed to purchase full ski regalia and try, try again. Jumper Duncan has been trying for almost ten years, first learned to ski when 15 from a prep school ski coach and books. During his years as a competitive ski jumper, he broke an ankle once but blames himself rather than "any inherent danger in the sport." Now at Harvard Law School, he skis for pleasure only, likes to get out to his favorite course, the plunging "Nosedive" at Mt. Mansfield in Vermont.

Relaxing at lodge, party has beautiful view of mountain scenery. Most lodge facilities and snack bars are open to all, but Negroes have difficulty finding overnight accommodations. At many resorts skis can be rented at reasonable fees.

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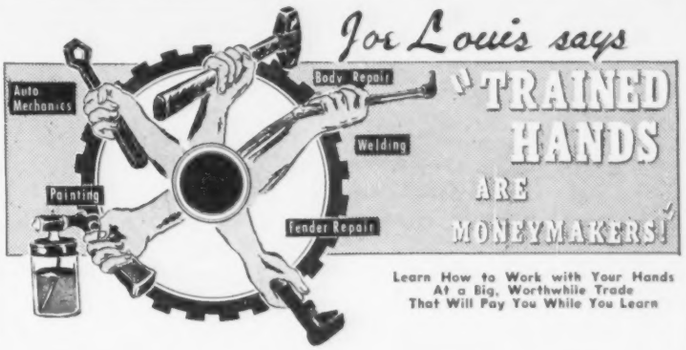

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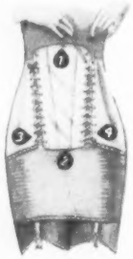

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Professional skier Gordon Simpson, 24, shows a beginners' class the fundamentals of the snow plow at the Toronto Ski Club, where he directs the big ski school. Less than half a dozen of its 7,000 members are Negroes.

DENVER HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH IS BEST NEGRO SKI PROSPECT

"BEND zee knees, two dollars pleeze" is a phrase that grew out of the American craze for foreign ski instructors employed in many places for glamour value, but Toronto-born Gordon Simpson was hired solely on his skiing skill. Starting at 10, Simpson and his brother Melvin swished over the trails of Toronto, Collingwood and the Laurentians. When Gordon returned from the Royal Canadian Air Force he turned pro and was hired by the Toronto Ski Club to organize its school.

Simpson has done no competitive skiing. Less than a half dozen Negroes have and these in strictly minor league events. But several colored youngsters have displayed skill on hickory that marks them as promising skiers for coming years. Perhaps the best is 16-year-old Gene Pierre, a Denver high school junior who first learned skiing four years ago. Member of the Ski Lancers, he will be entering his first meets this winter. The club's Bryce T. Parks, 24, will also enter competition this winter in downhill and slalom. Secretary of the club, he is the only colored engineer in the Colorado state highway department. Club founder Gilbert Cruter, who has been skiing 12 years, once competed on the University of Colorado ski team, specializing in the downhill event.

Cruter collected his original ski equipment while on a tour of Europe with a U. S. amateur track team. When squad members were asked to state their hobbies, he listed his as skiing. As a result in every country he went to, he was given gifts of ski equipment.

Denver Ski Lancers Felda and Bryce Parks belong to 30-member ski club, which is only Negro organization of its kind in nation. He has been skiing 8 years, will compete in meets this winter. She is club's best woman skier.

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Overlooking Rome's famous landmarks, scholarship winner Mozelle Thompson sketches in Pincio Garden. Scholarship covering $1500 expenses was paid in part by Mrs. Myron Taylor, wife of U. S. envoy to Vatican, and onetime movie star Janet Gaynor. One of mixed party, Thompson recalls: "We ate and lived together—even the Southerners."

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Pittsburgh youth talks shop with Continent's top artists

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Typical brush-and-palette neophyte among recent trans-Atlantic travellers was slim, talented 22-year-old Mozelle Thompson, Pittsburgh-born Negro artist who despite his youth has already crashed the hard-to-crack pages of Vogue and Glamour. He made the trip in the 50-strong party from the New York Parsons School of Design. The lanky Thompson, son of a mail carrier, got the once-in-a-lifetime chance to study under Europe's best for four months when his work placed first in the school's trip-winning contest. Returning from Jim Crow-free Italy and France he took a job doing fashion ads for Gimbel's department store in Pittsburgh.

At ancient Roman Forum, Thompson and fellow student Marge Shadd compare charcoal sketches. They spent seven weeks in five cities. Thompson hopes to do fashion design.

Scanning historic Colosseum, Thompson and schoolmates are interested in architecture which kept building standing 1900 years.

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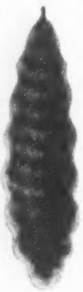

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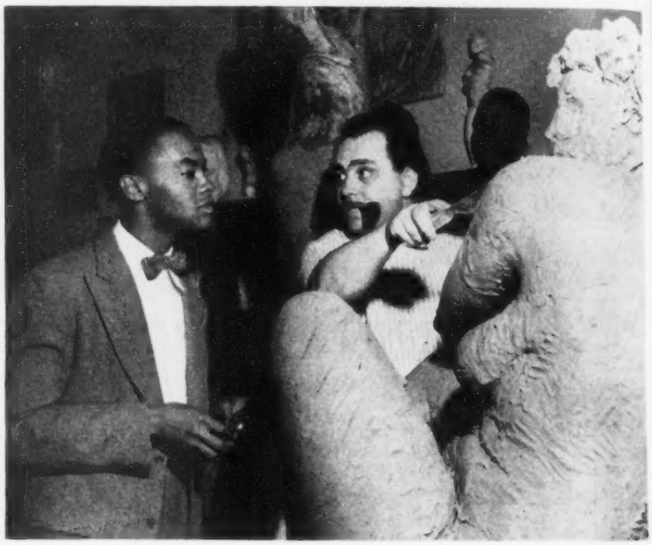
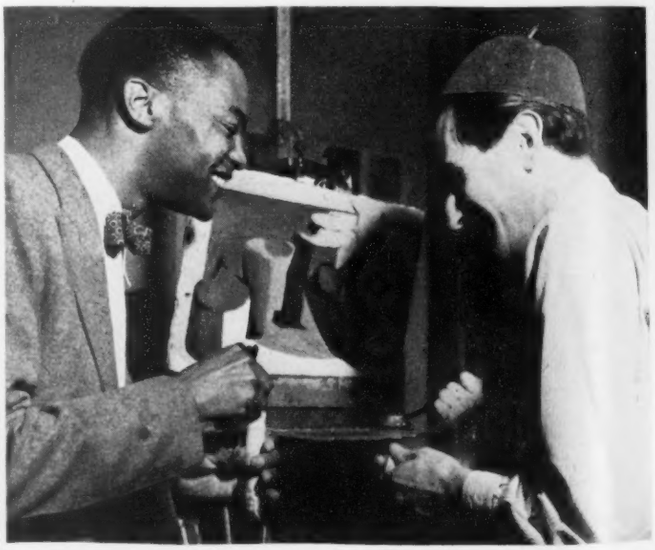


Tips on clay modelling are given Thompson by Belgian sculptor Assen Peicov, who has worked in Rome for 12 years. Thompson won first place for two successive years in Scholastic magazine contests, attended Parsons School on scholarship.



Technique in oil paints not used in America is demonstrated for Thompson by designer A. Peyrot. Thompson likes to paint the ballet, hopes one day to devote all his time to fine arts instead of doing commercial art.

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Sketching in Italian street, Thompson attracts curious onlookers. He got warm Italian welcome and customary tea on all calls. Return to States was made on fast Queen Elizabeth in contrast to 17-day trip when going on third-class Saturnia.

THOMPSON VISITS FAMED FASHION SALONS IN PARIS

BIGGEST THRILL that Mozelle Thompson got on his trip to Europe came "in a sense of freedom I had never before dreamed about." But even in Italy the racism of America caught up with him once when an America-born Italian was explaining a painting. Thompson relates, "The painting had a few Negroes spotted among a group of people. Pointing to the Negroes, the lecturer said, 'These are Africans. In America you would call them niggers.' His remark made students uneasy. Some avoided looking at me. Others looked at me to see if I had noticed."

Mozelle's seven-week Parisian tour led to famed salons of Christian Dior (creator of New Look), Jacques Fath, Pierre Balmain where the feminine emphasis is on zippers and back pockets. Like many other Americans who know French designers, the Negro youth feels that besides Dior's New Look the styles are now being set in New York. He thinks Parisian designers use fabrics better than most American couturiers. But as he sees it, "From an American point of view, many of the clothes done by the top Paris designers would never do in America."

Back from the Continent trek and a sightseeing week in London, Thompson is now putting a few European ideas to work in his illustrations for fashion ads at Pittsburgh's Gimbel department store where he has worked for the past three summers. He plans to keep at free lance painting in oils and gouache as a side, continue to contribute floral decorations for Vogue and fashion drawings for Glamour. Vogue's art director Alexander Liberman says of the young artist, "I consider his work promising. I will follow him closely."

Thompson wants, "most of all," to design feminine clothes which will make it possible for a "woman to show off her every charm and beauty." He observes, "During the mad 1920's and the recent war years, women have strayed too far from being ladies and all that the name implies."

Thompson's favorite portraits depict Negro dancers, who he says "are not hard to paint." He explains, "I know them best and find their coloring, movement and physical structure lend themselves well to the design of a painting."

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FREEDOM VERSUS PORK CHOPS

IN ITS rightful concern for the world's refugees during these uneasy, hectic postwar days, America has forgotten completely at least one kind of fleeing political heretic. The nation's press and politicians both have alternately shed tears freely for the displaced persons from Nazi Germany and Communist Russia but nary a word has been uttered for a different type of displaced person closer to home. Few in numbers to be sure but in many ways just as desperate, forlorn and hungry for liberty as Europeans, these are refugees from America.

Not starving nor suffering from the effects of life in a concentration camp, nevertheless these refugees from America have a hunger as racking and gnawing. It is a hunger for freedom rather than food.

These are colored political refugees who have scattered around the face of the earth because of the greatest single flaw in the American way of life—the hard and fast institution of racial discrimination and all that goes with it, from ruthless lynching in the South to subtle "Reserved" signs in Broadway night clubs.

Taking Inventory On Democracy

NO COUNT or census has ever been attempted of the U. S. Negroes who have left their native land, especially in the years since VJ-Day, to take advantage of the free and fresh air that many breathed for the first time during overseas service in World War II. Perhaps they and all the others that went before them during the 20's and 30's add up to no more than 1,000 Americans.

Their numbers have no significance but their motives for escape from this blessed land have. When any American in his right mind—and certainly these Negroes are sane and rational men and women—wants to forsake his country of birth with its bountiful living standards, all Americans should carefully take inventory of their democracy to see what is lacking, what it is that makes some of its citizens want to take the first boat to France or Brazil or Japan.

France's Gain Is America's Loss

CERTAIN it is that France's gain of one of the foremost U. S. novelists, Richard Wright, is America's loss. Wright has been living in Paris for almost two years, a refugee from U. S. racial hate. The French capital, which genuinely practices the democracy the U. S. preaches, has become home for many other outstanding Negro D.P.'s who fled from racial bias in New York as well as Atlanta.

Two world wars served to acquaint Negro Americans with the racial freedom of France and many returned to stay. One of the real old-timers in the capital is Arthur Briggs, who got his first taste of Paris as a trumpet player with the 15th Infantry Band in World War I. Briggs came back in 1921 to stay. At Montmartre sidewalk cafes like the one on the opposite page, in French homes, in churches, in hotels, he is today equal with any Frenchman.

Briggs does not hide the fact that he would like to return to the States. But he refuses to come back because he never again wants to face racial prejudice. There are American Negroes like Briggs in a multitude of countries which grant to colored citizens the same rights and privileges given to whites. They can be found in Mexico, England, Russia, Brazil, Haiti, Italy. They are pinpointed on the map all around the face of the globe.

All profess to be happy and contented in their new environment. They sneer contemptuously at the "fraud of freedom" in the States and proudly tell visiting American Negroes of their high and mighty status as full citizens in their new home. To them the spectacle of U. S. Congressmen shedding crocodile tears for the thousands of Europe's displaced persons now being finally admitted to America is an ironic mockery of the ancient maxim that charity begins at home.

These Negroes in foreign lands are understandably a grim, vengeful lot in many cases and certainly not much as ambassadors of U. S. democracy. They often take glee in sniping at their native land's racial injustices. And in some countries which lose no love for America, they furnish potent ammunition to anti-U. S. propagandists.

Love Of America Not Easily Forgotten

BUT FREE as these Negroes are, they are not entirely a happy lot. Most would happily return to the United States tomorrow if assured of racial equality. For all of them love their country, its scenic beauties and its giant skyscrapers, its nickel candy bars and its hot dogs, its Broadway and its Hollywood, its fine churches and schools, its fun-loving kids and its beautiful girls. That love is not easily forgotten.

But aside from the spiritual values of America that can be missed so much in other lands, the U. S. also has its materialistic side. The fact is that nowhere in the world does the Negro enjoy as high a standard of living as in this country. Not only does the American Negro live better than his colored brothers around the earth but also better than most of his white brothers.

This is not deliberately to deny or forget high TB rates and slum hovels, sharecropping and illiteracy rates. These still flourish in America among all peoples—and especially among Negroes. But the sum total of Negro life in the U. S. outshines what can be found anywhere overseas. The Negro's share of the bountiful American harvest, unequal as it is, still tops what so many undernourished peoples have to live on in other lands.

But it is still too often a bitter harvest for Negroes, denied a full and equal place at the table, robbed of dignity and pride and humiliated by sadistic racists. The lush living drips with gall and is infested with the virus of hate.

The Choice Before The Negro

RESULT is a confusing dilemma for the Negro thirsting for first class manhood as well as a high living standard, for freedom as well as pork chops. In America he can achieve only pork chops. And strangely enough in many foreign countries he can have only freedom.

What is his choice to be?

Is he to forsake his homeland and go abroad where he can sit freely and equally with the most choice and most cultured of men but find no hot water to bathe in, no ham and eggs on his dinner table, no modern roads, no Sears Roebuck catalog.

Or is he to enjoy the fruits of a prosperous America but bow down submissively to "Whites Only" signs on hotels and restaurants, a choice of jobs limited to janitor and shoeshine boy, white insults he cannot answer for fear of his life.

The difficult choice is up to each single individual himself. But whatever the choice, it is certain that neither decision represents any true escape or solution for the American dilemma. There still are no Shangri-La's on earth.

Wherever the Negro goes, as an American interested in a better world he really has but one choice—to fight.

Overseas it resolves itself into a bread-and-butter struggle to raise the standard of living for all. Here in America it is a continual battle to bring the spiritual plane of American democracy up to the high level of the nation's living standards.

Basically it is the same old fight for the One World principle so graphically dramatized by Wendell Willkie. When we here in America have attained racial freedom to go along with our pork chops and the rest of the earth has matched that achievement, only then will the never-ending flight of refugees—white and black—cease for all time.

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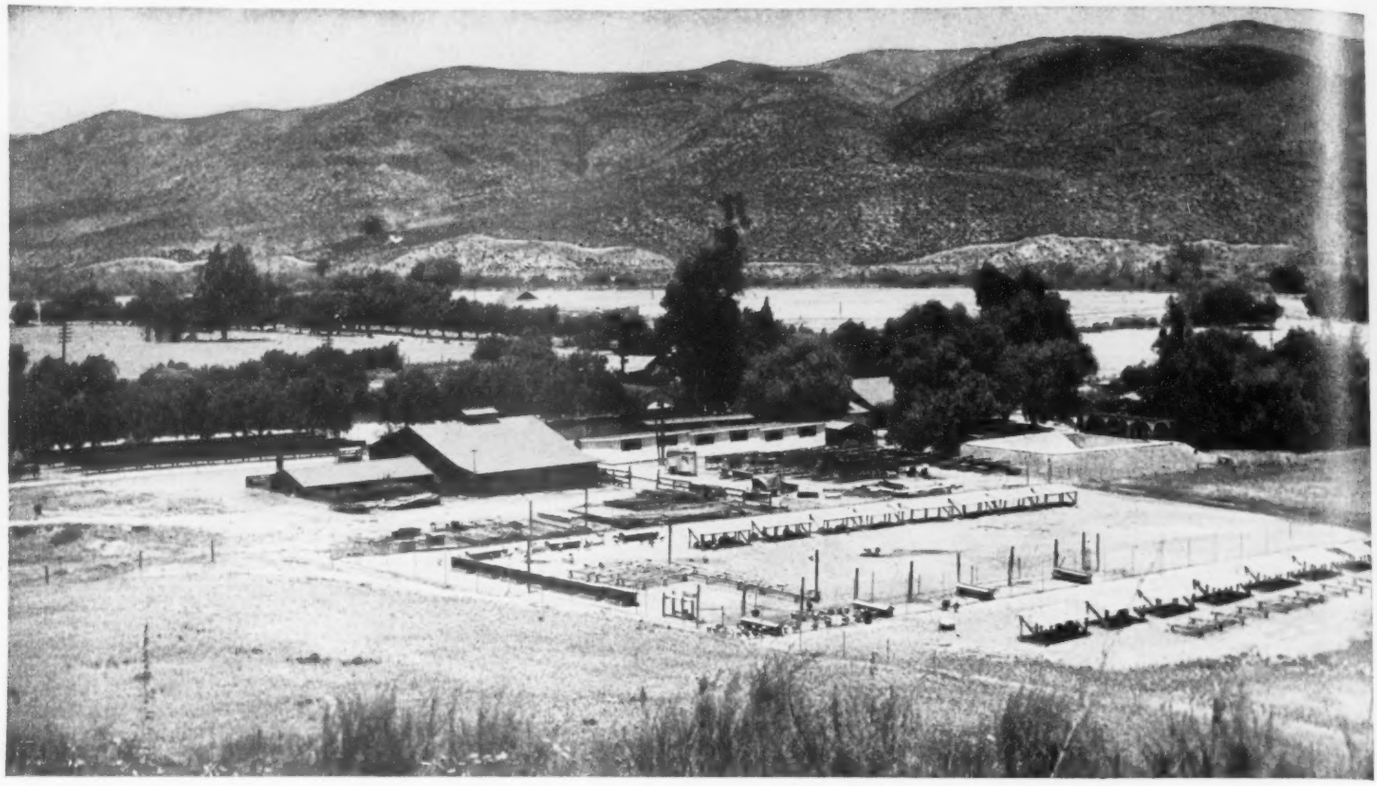

Sprawling Wilson chicken ranch at Corona, Calif., is nestled in San Berdu mountains, came equipped with 75,000-gallon swimming pool which brothers rarely have time to use. In two years of operation Wilsons have raised and marketed close to 100,000 chickens. Baby chicks are bought for 17 cents, sold 12 weeks later at average of $1 each.

CHICKEN FARM: A GI DREAM COME TRUE

Three Coast brothers and friend parlay $5,000 into $250,000 poultry business

MOST FERVENT dream of the average American is to retire from the quickened pace of city living to a little chicken farm "somewhere in the country," snug in its rural setting and interrupted only by the clucking of hens and the crowing of roosters. This enduring passion, kindled in the hearts of many tired city clerks, weary soldiers at war, and begrimed miners in pits, has been nourished by an aching desire "to get away from it all" and fanned hotly by strong convictions that somehow eggs and chickens return lucrative profits on a minimum of labor and investment. Thousands have had the same dream, fewer thousands have seen it come true, and fewer still are those who realize the lush returns they envisaged.

Among the nation's vast army of poultry raisers who saw their dream come true are three West Coast brothers, who two years ago joined Los Angeles County's more than 8,000 chicken farmers. Out

Baby chicks in daylight brooder are examined by Wilson brothers, Cliff, Howard and Robert. Automatic heat control (top) maintains constant temperature at night. Day-old chicks are started at 95 degrees, later have to be protected from heat extremes.

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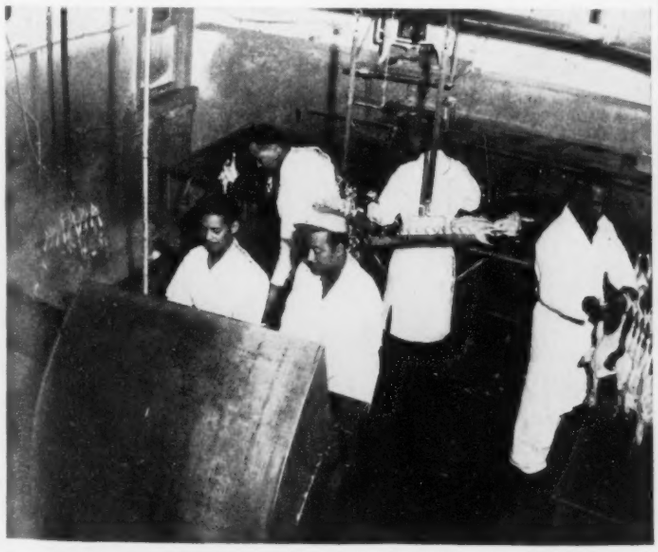
Big new truck hauls chickens 40 miles from ranch to markets owned by Wilsons in Los Angeles. This market is original store bought at cost of $10,000, half in cash.

of mutual desires to "live on a rolling ranch and raise things" Howard, Clifford and Robert Wilson have built a thriving poultry business with a $250,000 yearly gross that blossomed in two short years from a comparatively modest $5,000 beginning. The three brothers, the oldest 31 and the youngest 27, all war veterans and all college trained in scientific farming at the University of California, along with boyhood friend Ishmael Evans have watched their single poultry store in Los Angeles' Negro district expand into two interracial neighborhoods with new markets doing a $15,000 gross business in chicken and eggs weekly.

Brother Clifford, remembering his days in the Army, says: "The chicken business was a favorite GI dream. But the failures are more than 50 per cent of those who go in. It's good business only if it's done scientifically. And then the fall of prices can catch you with an overload of birds."



Dressing and quartering is done on mass production basis. More than 1,000 chickens a day are dressed with 17 birds cleaned each minute. Record in Ripley's *Believe It Or Not* is mere 12. Killing is done by slitting throats with sharp knife.

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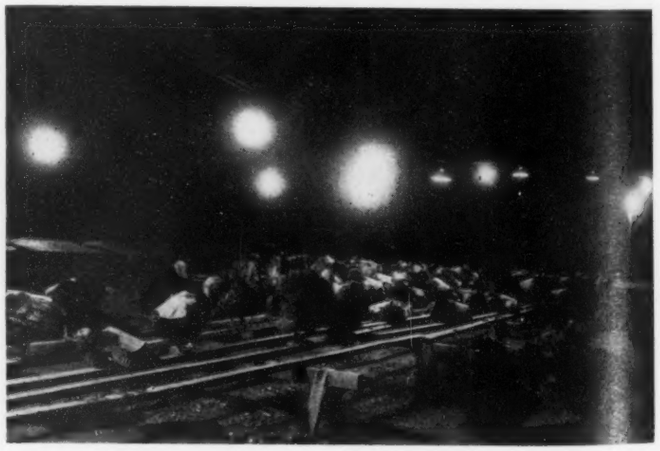

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MAIN lifeline supplying the three chicken markets owned by the four partners is the 35-acre, $33,000 poultry ranch in nearby Corona, which is operated by elder brother Howard Wilson. Although the rangy, six-foot Howard holds a degree in fruit production, he took over the delicate, risky task of raising chickens following army discharge since brother Clifford, who was trained in poultry husbandry, was already deep in the sales end of the business.

Armed with his brother's books under one arm and a bride, the former Mildred Hewman of New Orleans on the other, the elder Howard stepped into the exacting business of brooding his first batch of chickens—2,200 of them. With practical help of retiring rancher Jay D. Jenkins, from whom the farm was bought, he soon learned poultry care, then went on his own, doubling monthly output to 4,000 chickens.

Scientific farm principles coupled with cleanliness and care are chief ingredients for Howard's success at ranch. Constantly on the lookout for coccidiosis (blood in chicken droppings), coryza (common cold), and New Castle (paralysis of the lungs), the three common chicken diseases, Howard prides himself on never having lost a batch. Though far riskier than baby chickens, ranch sideline is raising turkeys. Eggs bought in May at 65 cents may be raised into 28-pound hens, 34-pound Toms by November and sold for $12.

Although science has pointed a way to a dream come true for the four chicken and egg businessmen, the Wilsons were also helped by the California chicken and egg shortage. Los Angeles County residents eat their way through one-and-one-half million cases of eggs annually and join the nation in consuming an average of 28.1 pounds of chicken per person each year. "We were very very lucky to start business when we did," observes Clifford. "There was a meat shortage and chickens were high in demand. From the time we opened in the morning until late in the evening, people lined up outside the store waiting to become customers. We just couldn't get enough chickens."

Although their original $5,000 capital has increased 50-fold in the nation's third largest farming industry, this is not the end of expansion plans for the three brothers and friend Evans. Robert, who is still in college, hopes to set up a first class dairy on the ranch; Howard wants to increase ranch output to 6,000 birds monthly and "possibly add an orchard." Clifford and Evans want to add two more stores in Los Angeles.

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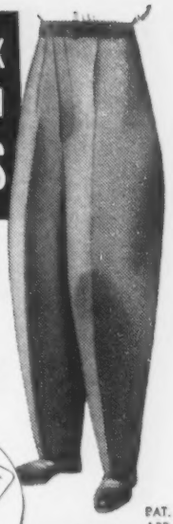

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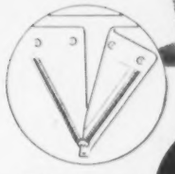

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